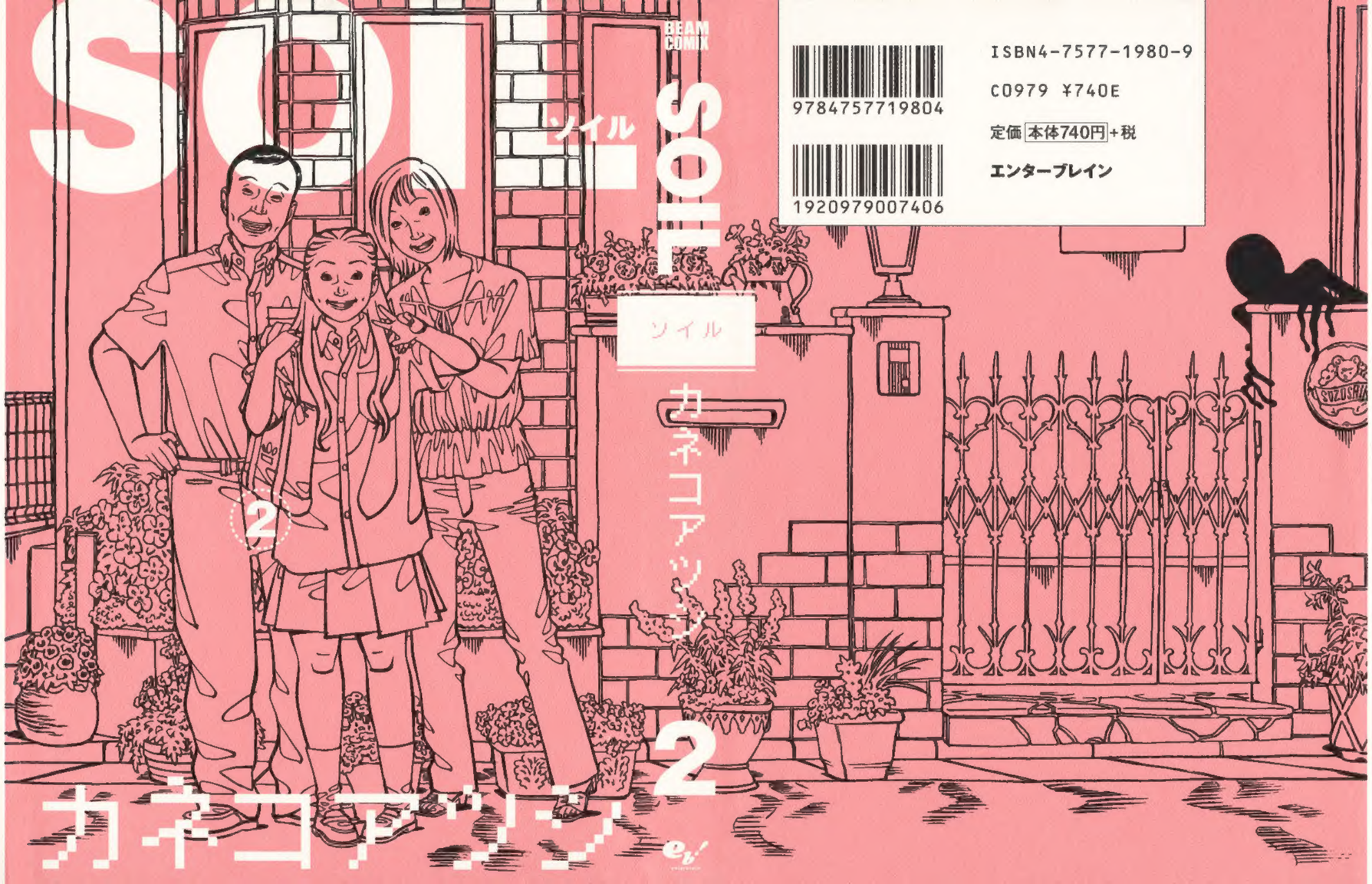

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Main Characters

Onoda ..... Kamikawa Station police officer.

Yokoi ..... Sergeant as above. Onoda's boss.

Tamura ..... Detective as above.

Katakuri ..... Soil New Town police officer.

Ichinose ..... Katakuri's co-worker. Disappeared.

Masaki Suzushiro ..... Family father living in Soil New Town. Disappeared.

Noriko Suzushiro ..... His wife. Disappeared.

Mizuki Suzushiro ..... Their daughter. Soil Middle School 8th grader. Disappeared.

Kento Miyahara ..... A teenager raised in a fatherless family. Soil Middle School 8th grader.

Tomiyama ..... Soil Middle School 8th grader.

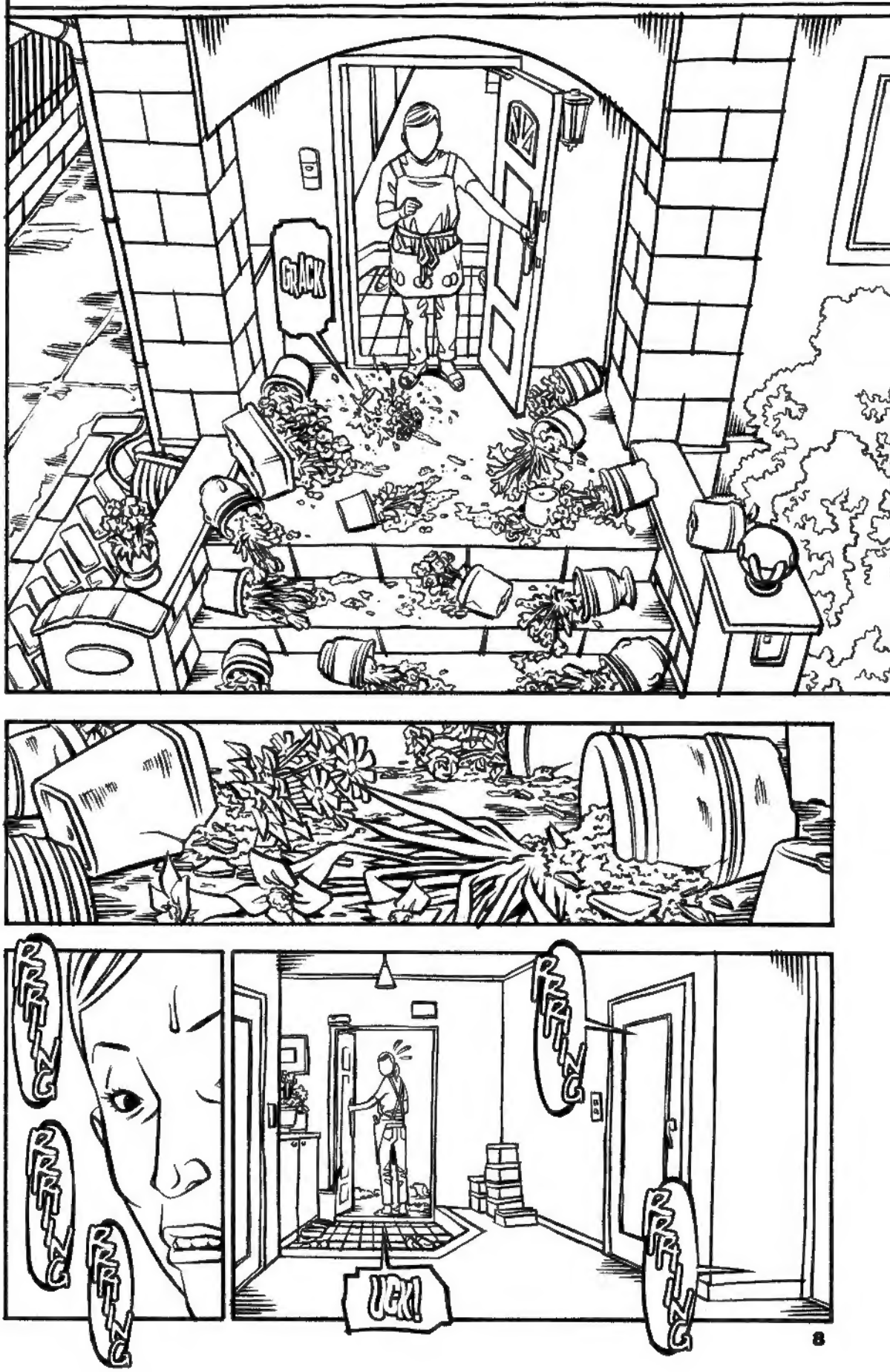
Seki ..... Soil Middle School 8th grader.

Tokita ..... Soil Middle School, temporary science instructor.

Kosaka ..... Soil Middle School, school counselor.

"Miss Sayuri" ..... An old woman living in the shrine ruins located on the town outskirts.

"Council President" .... Soil New Town Council President.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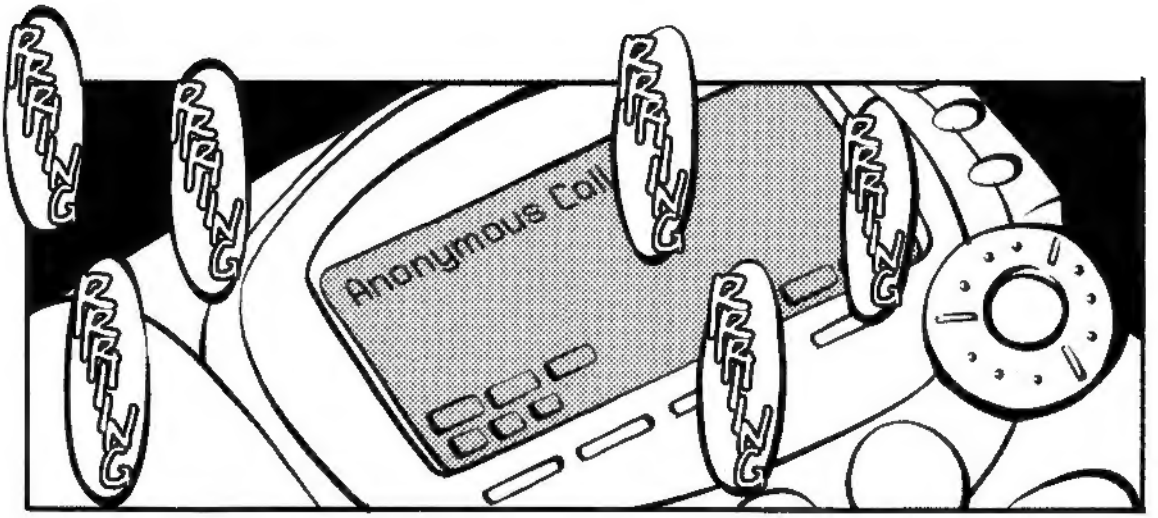
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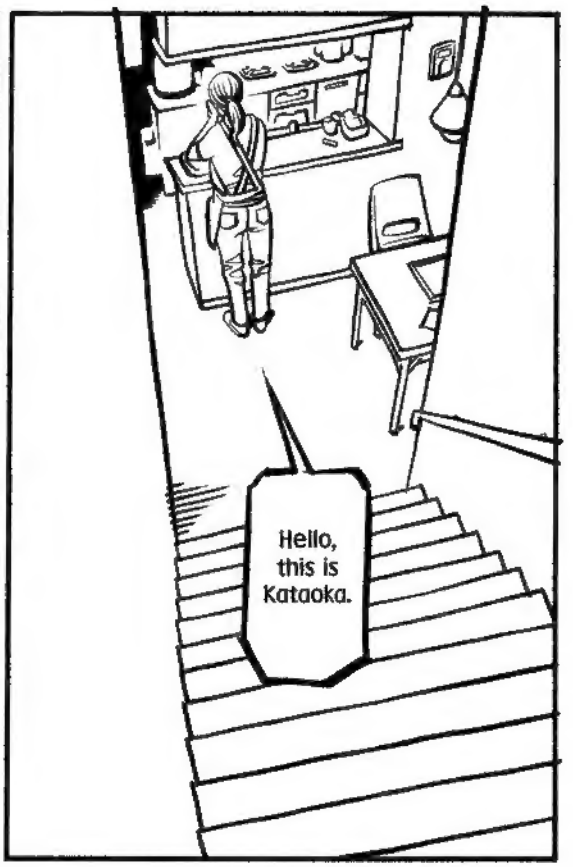
Anonymous Call

BLOCK 1-8

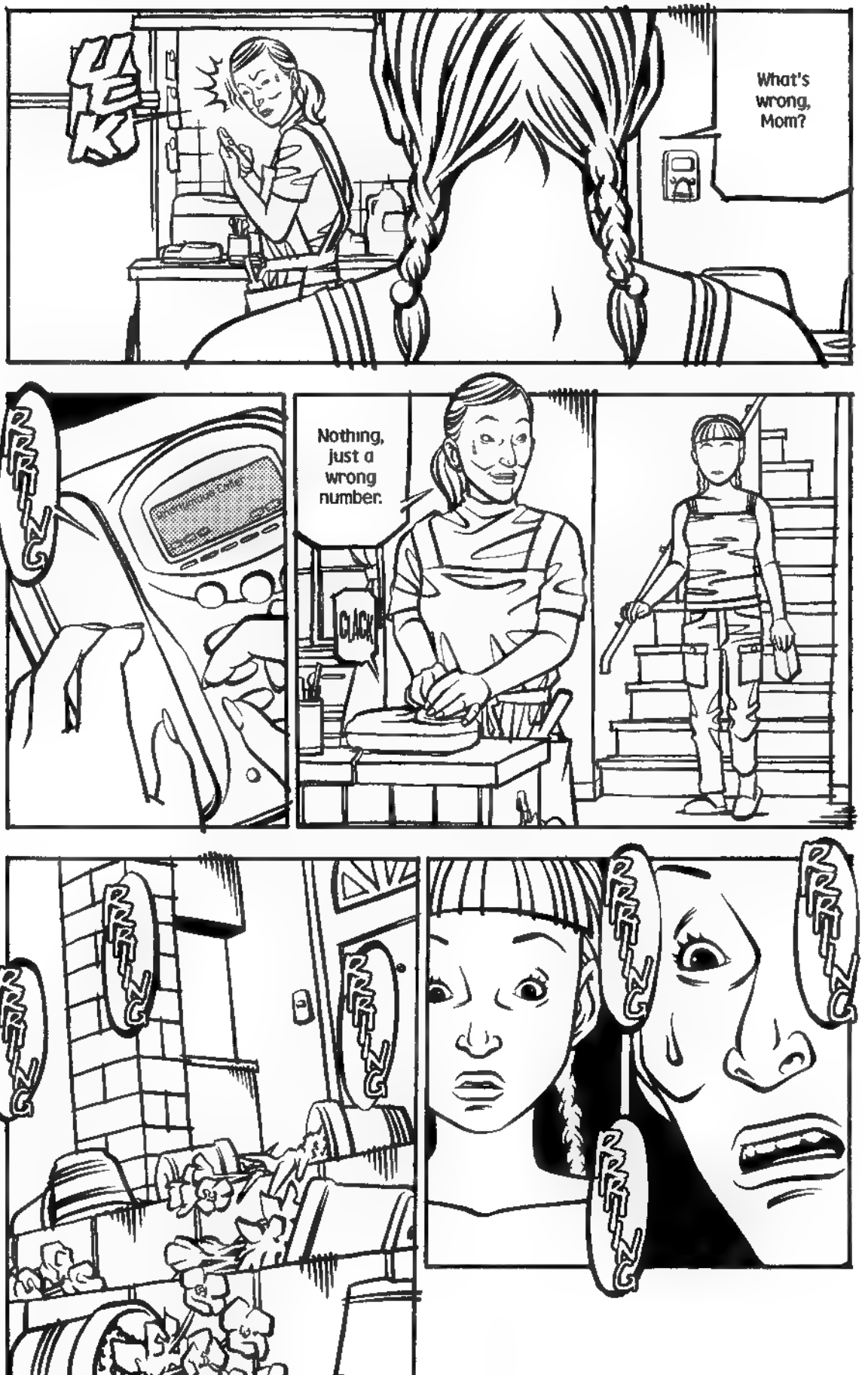
Hello...?

How come you won't pay yours...?
We paid our share...

Huh?


Hello, this is Kataoka.

...
Unbelievable...
You really call yourself a human being...?
CLICK
Anonymous Caller
BEEP
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
UGH!
CLICK
Ingrate ...
...
... Who is this...?
What do you want...?


HEK
What's wrong, Mom?
RRRING
Nothing, just a wrong number.
CLACK
RRRING
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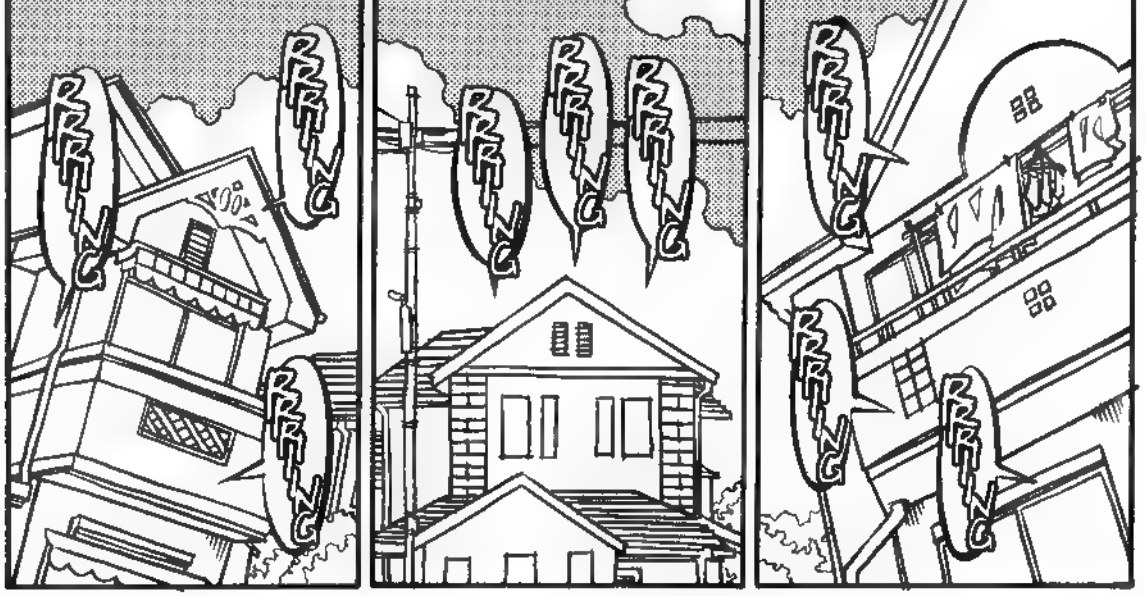
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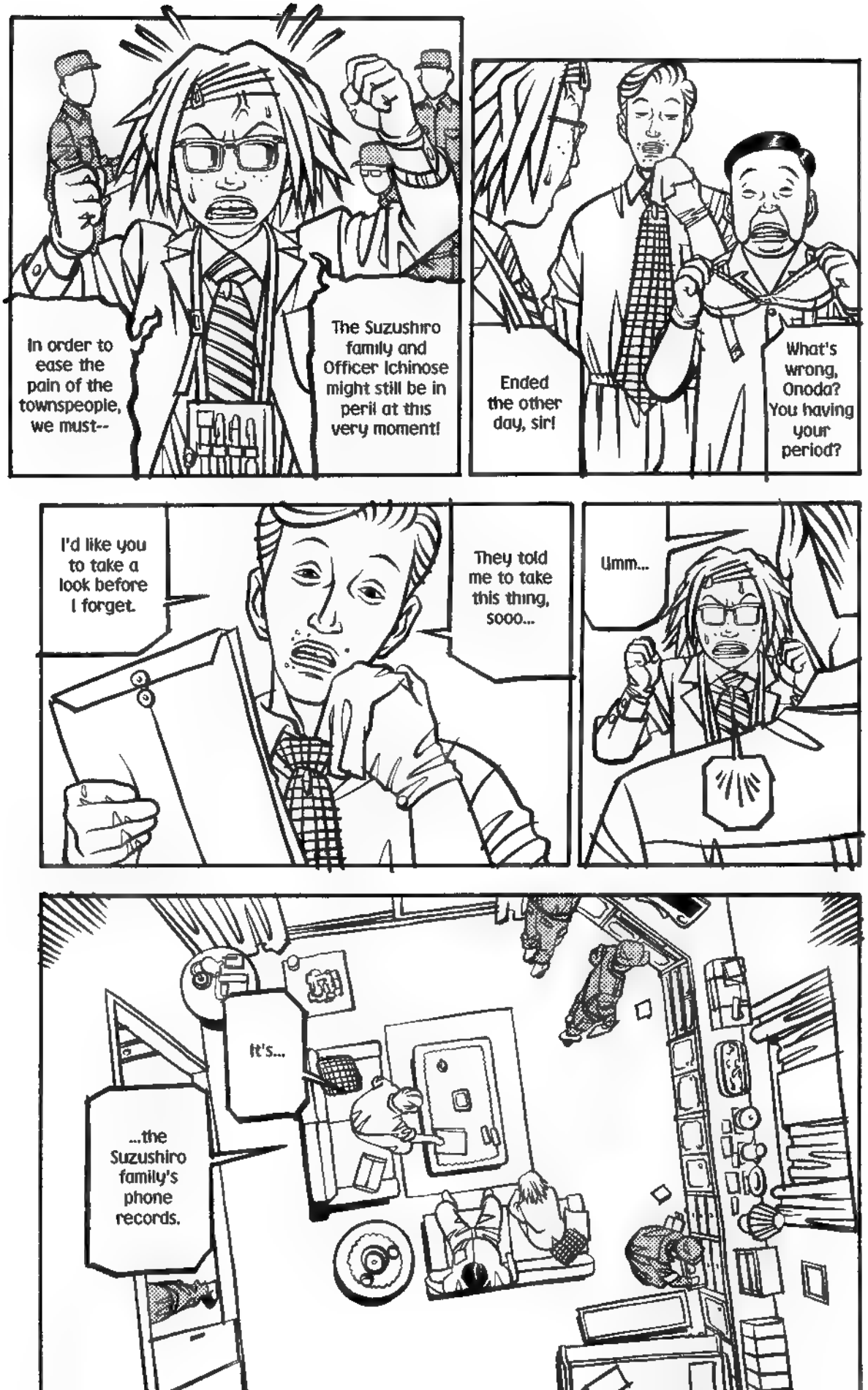
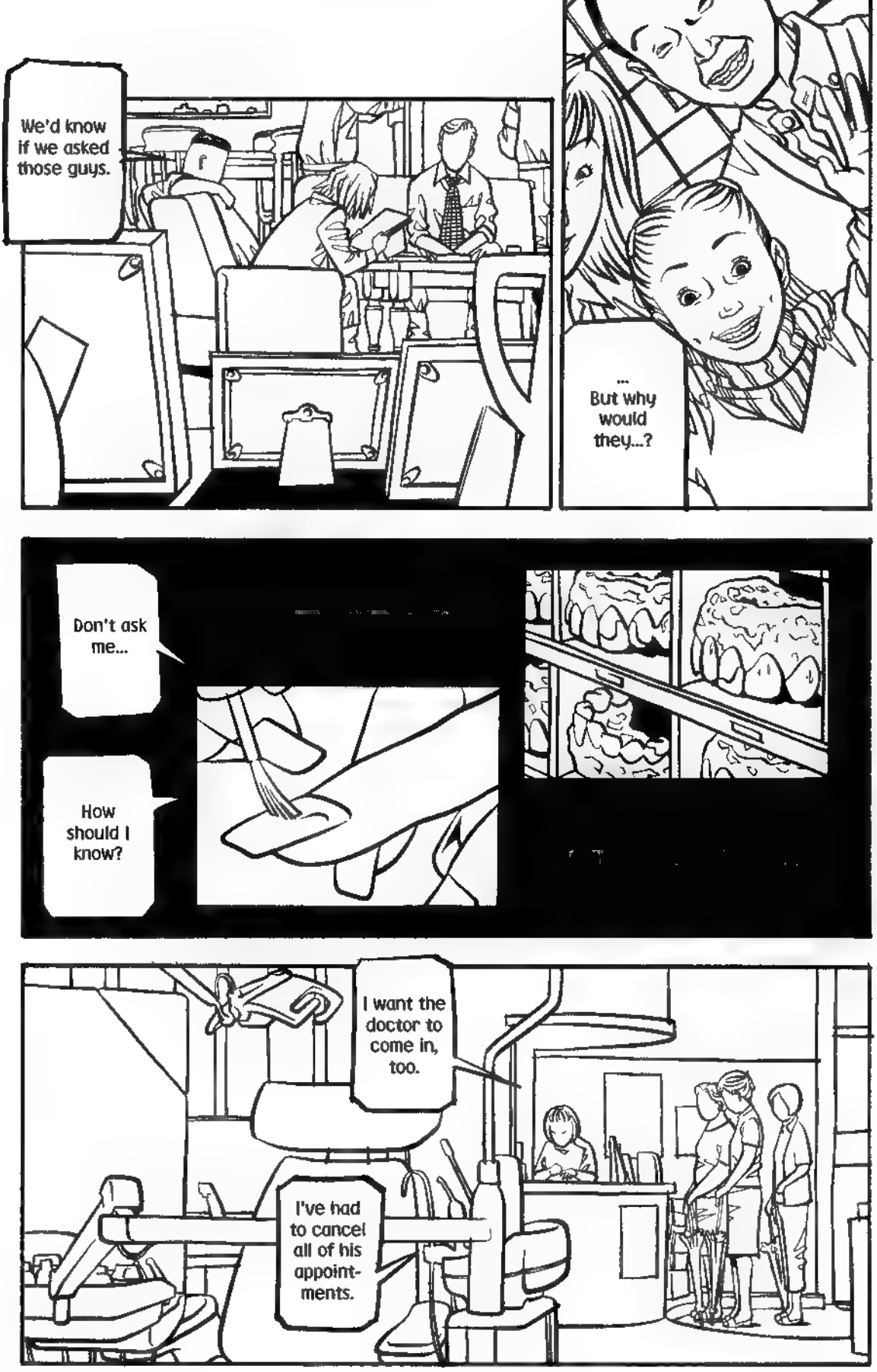
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
[Disturbance]
RRRING
RRRING

What are you doing, Sergeant Yokoi?
Ahh?

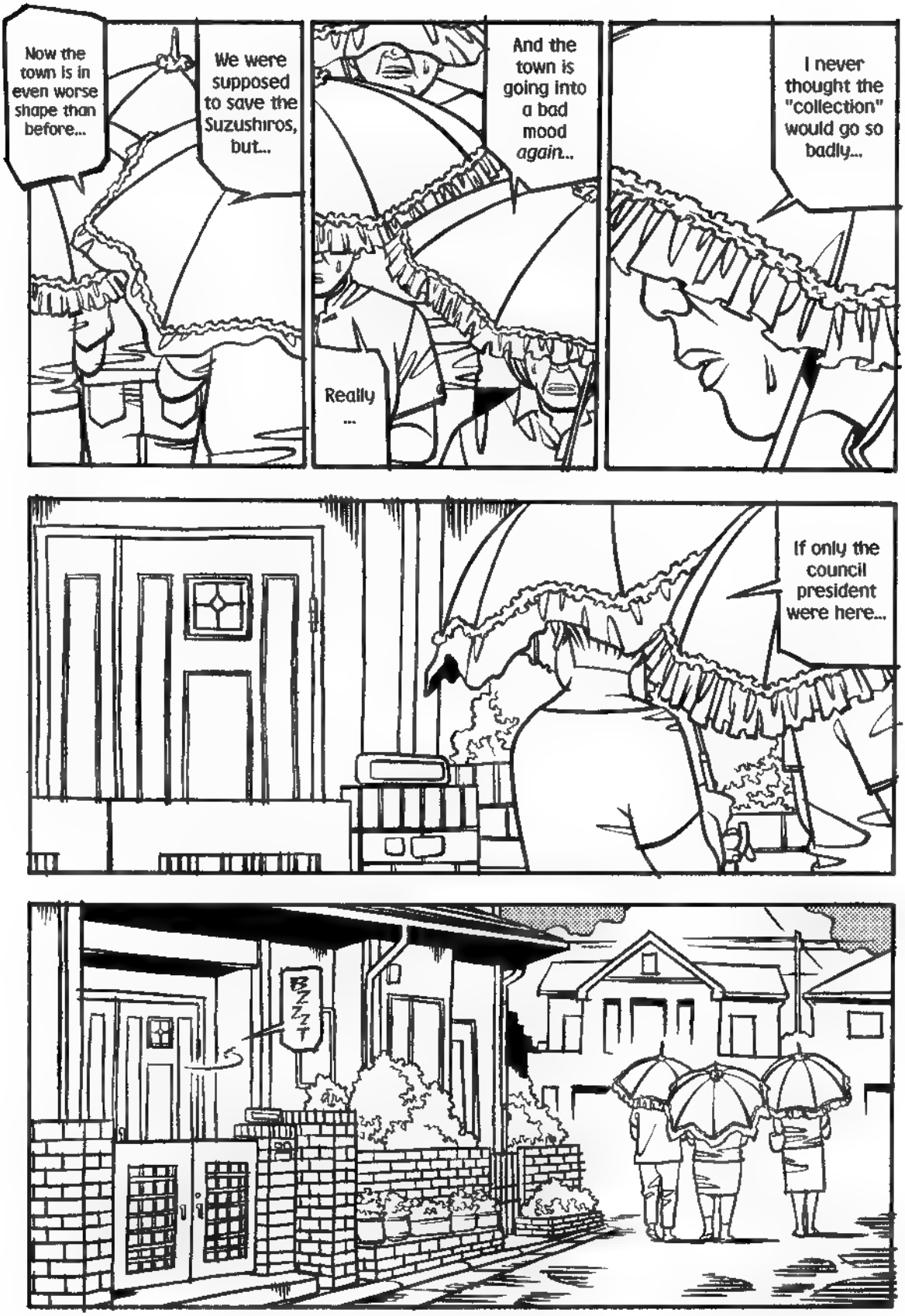
Mr. Tamura!
Hey, hey!
...
Hmph. Boring.
SWIPE
SWIPE
SWIPE
I guess this couple never tried anything kinky with their sex life.
Ohh, sorry.
The crumbs!
Didn't I ask you to wipe them off before entering the crime scene?!
Given the lack of leads since the start of the investigation...
...it appears as though our morale could use some improvement!
Detective Tamura!
Sergeant Yokoi!


In order to ease the pain of the townspeople, we must--
The Suzushiro family and Officer Ichinose might still be in peril at this very moment!
Ended the other day, sir!
What's wrong, Onoda? You having your period?
I'd like you to take a look before I forget.
They told me to take this thing, sooo...
Umm...
It's...
...the Suzushiro family's phone records.

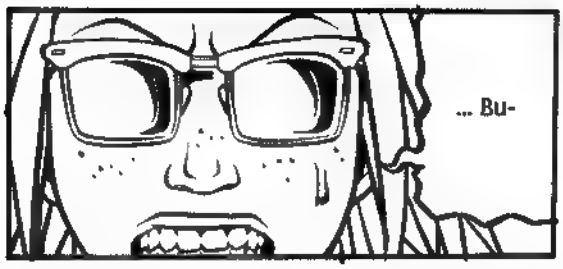
They've gotten nearly 500 calls every day since last month.
And from multiple callers, too...
...
What in the world is this...?
...
Prank calls...?
But who would...?
Yep. Tens of homes.
From all over the town.
...
Well, ya know.
They're all from people in this town, right?
There's no such thing as "normal people," this day and age.
Told you so.


We'd know if we asked those guys.
...
But why would they...?
Don't ask me...
How should I know?
I want the doctor to come in, too.
I've had to cancel all of his appoint-ments.

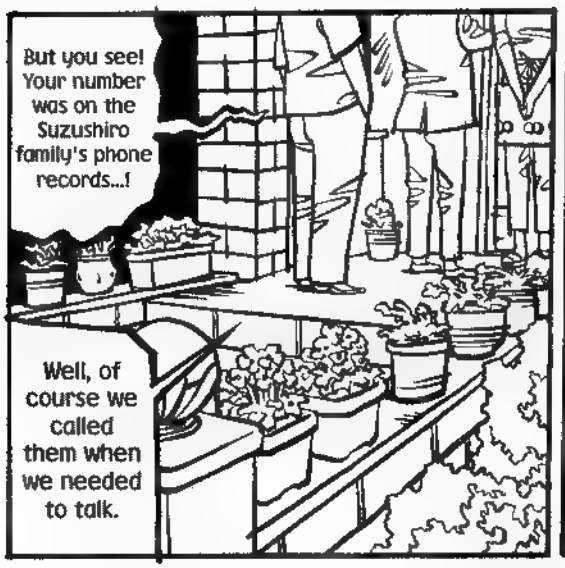
He's not at home, and he won't answer the phone, either...
But still...
Oops!
CLOT
It's not the first time it's happened, okay?!
He had to like, help out with a thesis or something!
He's gotten called up for one of those before!
Maybe he's at like, a dentist's society meeting?
That's troubling... And at a time like this...
SOIL DENTAL CLINIC
そいる
デンタルクリニック
そいる
デンタルクリニック

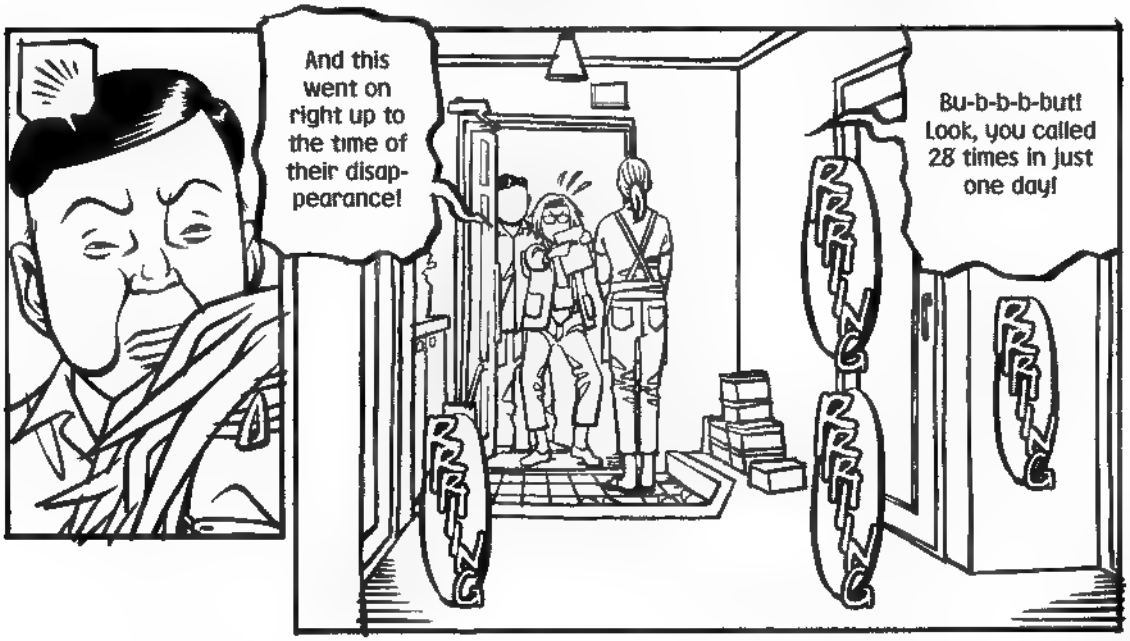

Now the town is in even worse shape than before...
We were supposed to save the Suzushiros, but...
Really ...
And the town is going into a bad mood *again*...
I never thought the "collection" would go so badly...
If only the council president were here...
BZZT

RRRING
RRRING
RRRING

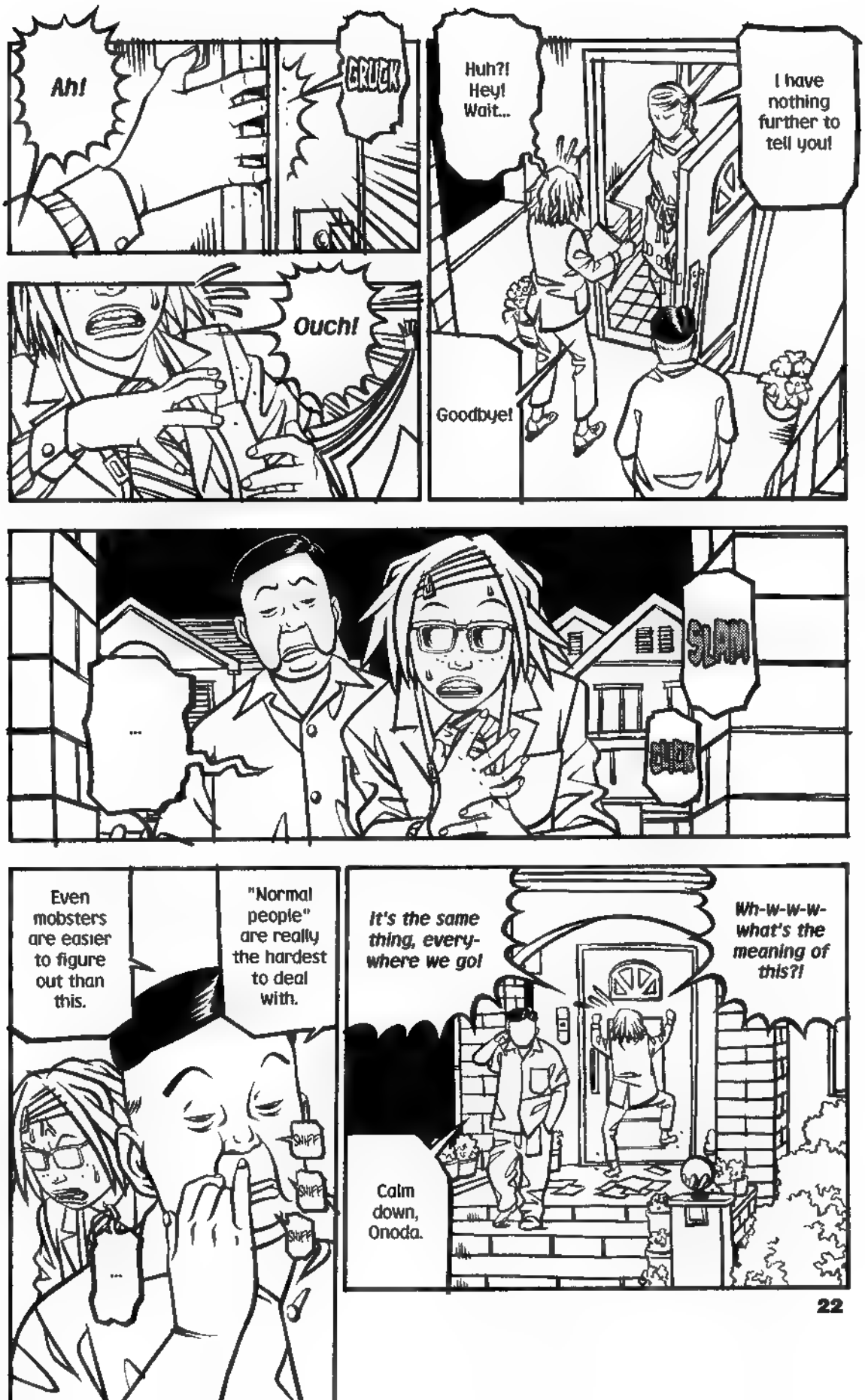

... Bu-

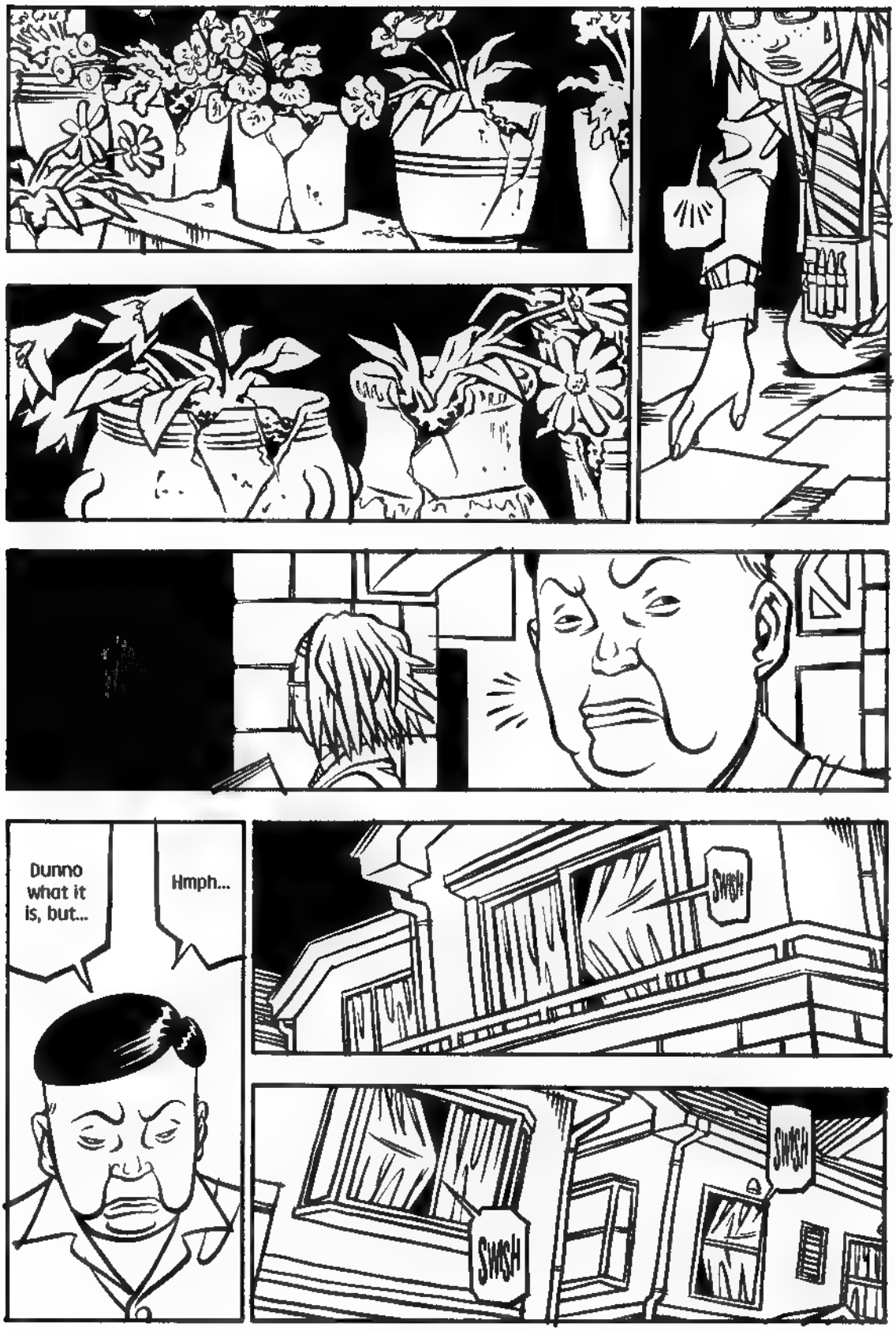
I'm sorry. I don't know anything.
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING

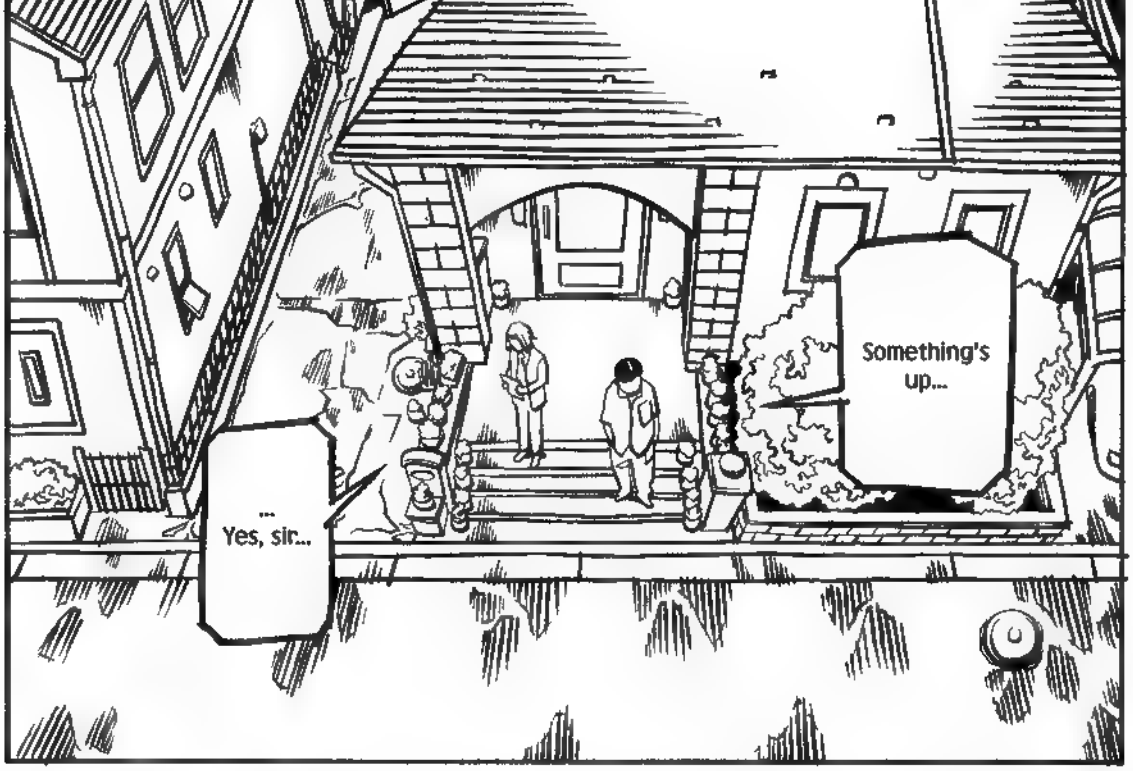

But you see! Your number was on the Suzushiro family's phone records...!
Well, of course we called them when we needed to talk.


And this went on right up to the time of their disap-pearance!
Bu-b-b-b-but! Look, you called 28 times in just one day!
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING

RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
And many of the other "Soil" residents were engaging in similar activity!
This was clearly carried out with some sort of "intent..."
So what if there was...?
Is this what you wanted to hear?
...
Everyone hated them!
We hated that family!

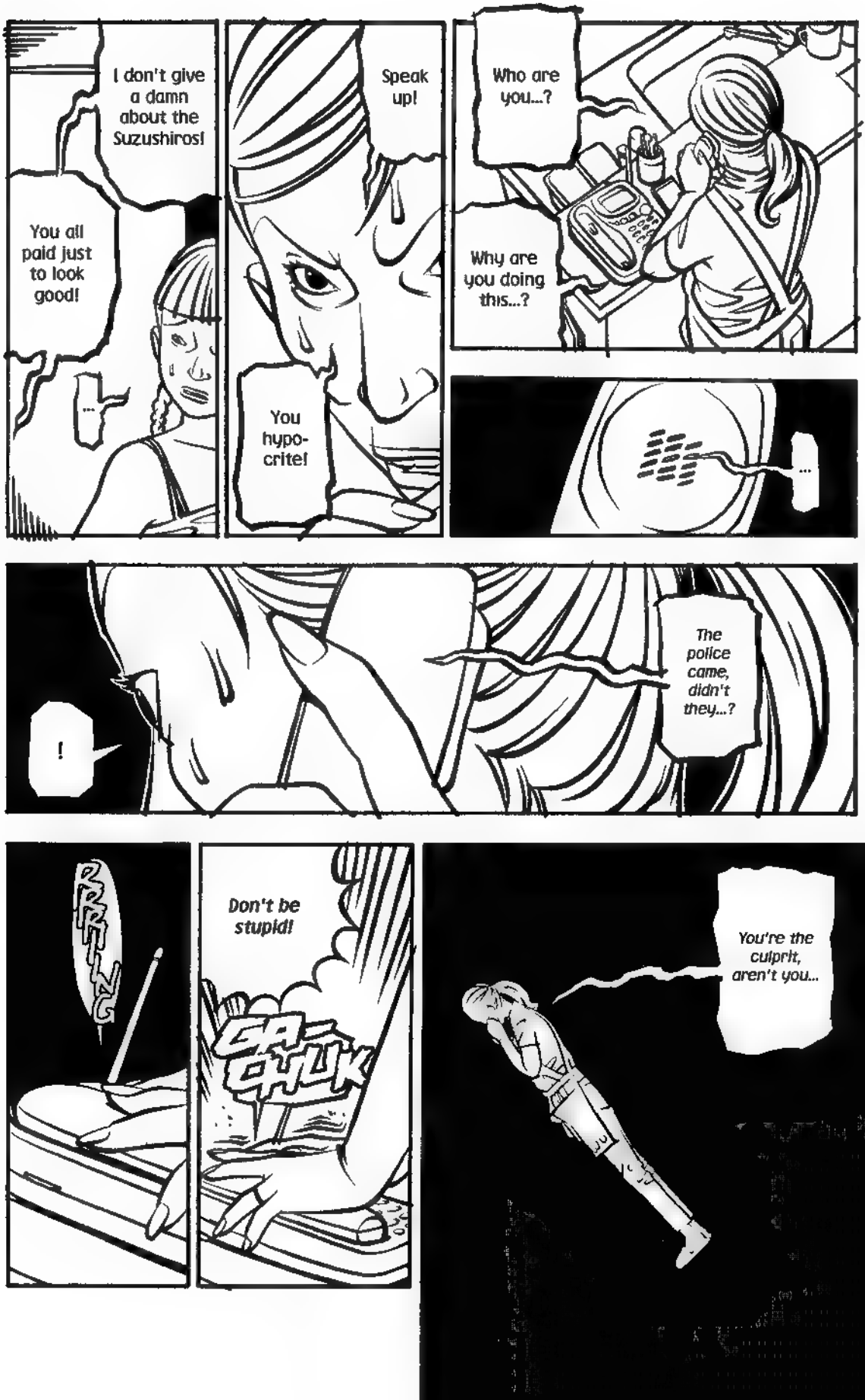

Ah!
GRUCK
Ouch!
Huh?! Hey! Wait...
I have nothing further to tell you!
Goodbye!
...
SLAM
CLICK
Even mobsters are easier to figure out than this.
"Normal people" are really the hardest to deal with.
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
...
It's the same thing, every-where we go!
Wh-w-w-w-what's the meaning of this?!
Calm down, Onoda.

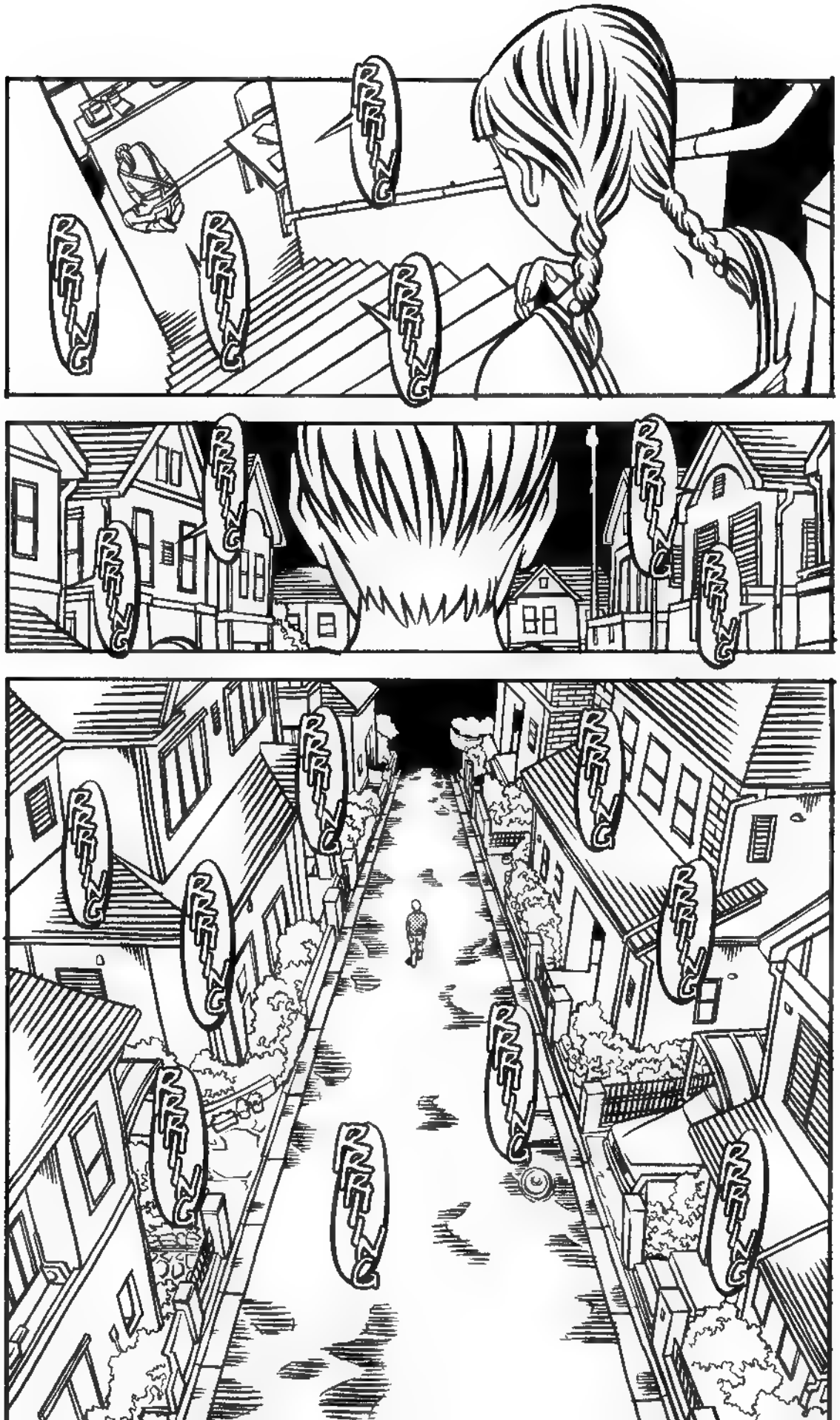

Dunno what it is, but...
Hmph...
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH


Something's up...
...
Yes, sir...

RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
Anonymous Caller
...

It's alright.
Just go away.
...
CLACK
Mom...
Did something happen with Mizuki's place...?
...
...
Hello...?
This has nothing to do with you!
Go to your room!
UGH!


I don't give a damn about the Suzushiros!
You all paid just to look good!
...
Speak up!
You hypo-crite!
Who are you...?
Why are you doing this...?
...
!
The police came, didn't they...?
BRRING
Don't be stupid!
GA-CHUK
You're the culprit, aren't you...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RRRING
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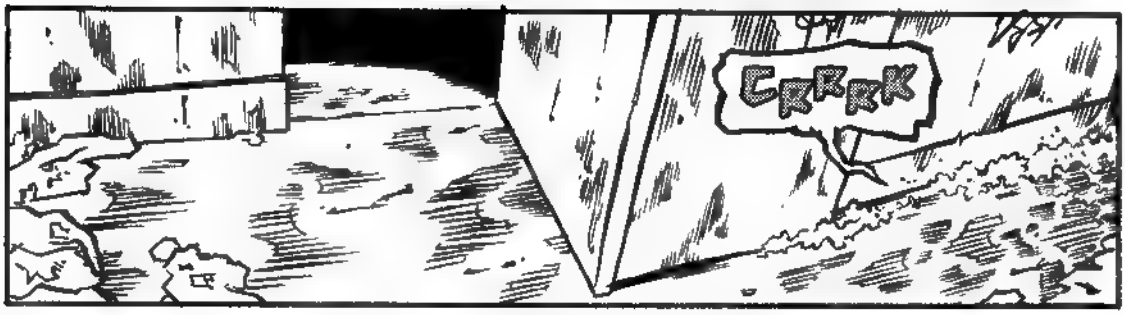
RRRING

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SHFL
SHFL
SHFL
SHFL

EHHH
EHHH

EHHHHH


CRRRK

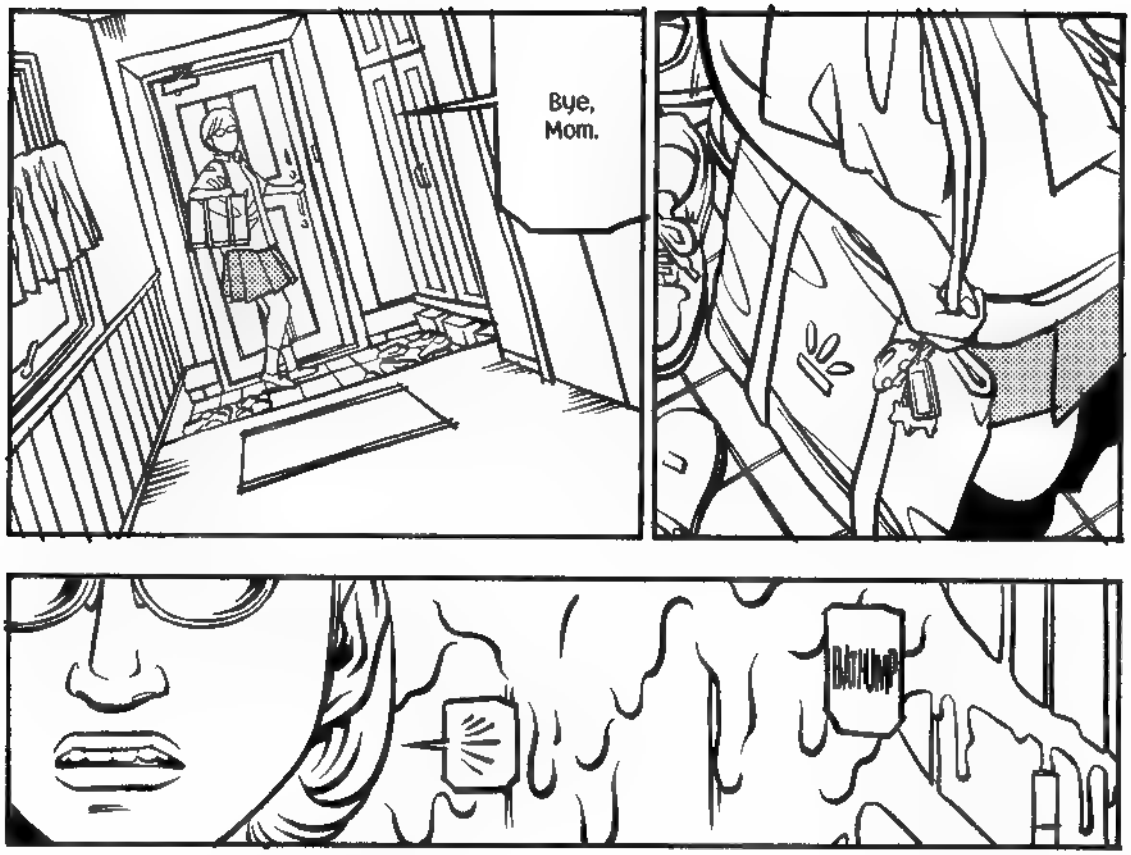
CRRRK

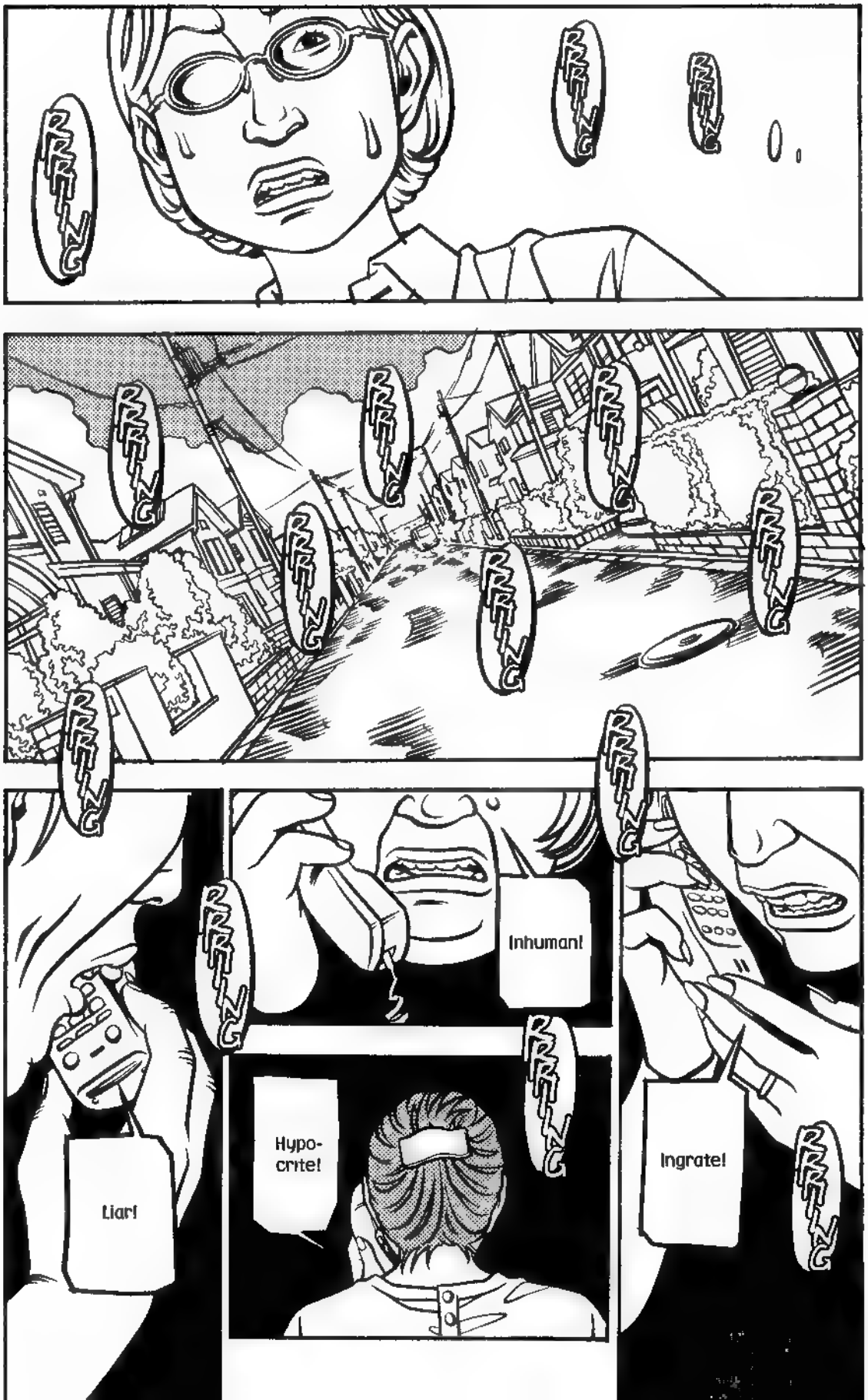
SOIL

Block 1-8 [End]

SOIL

Block 1-9 [Absence]


Bye, Mom.
BATHUMP


RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
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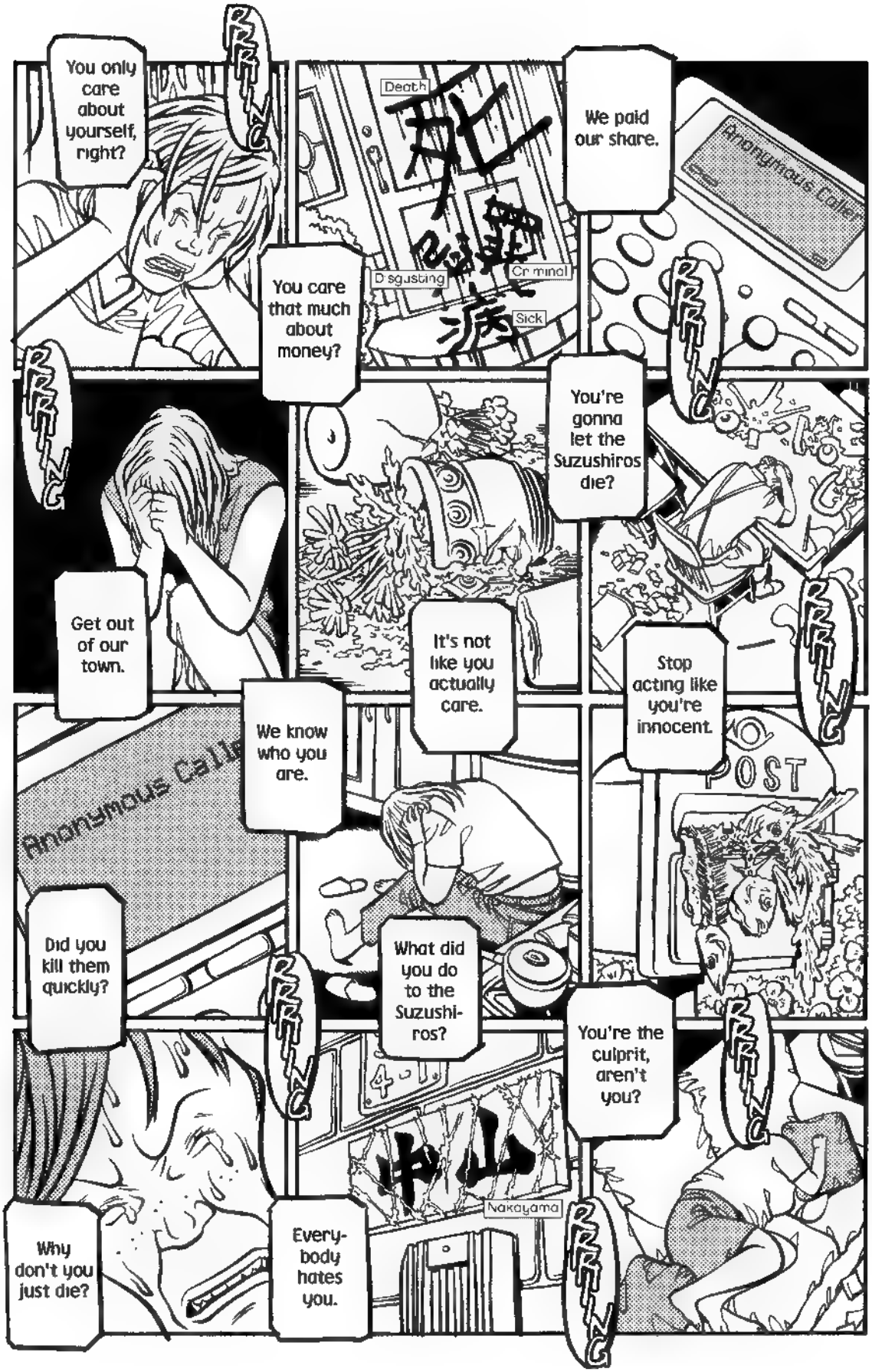
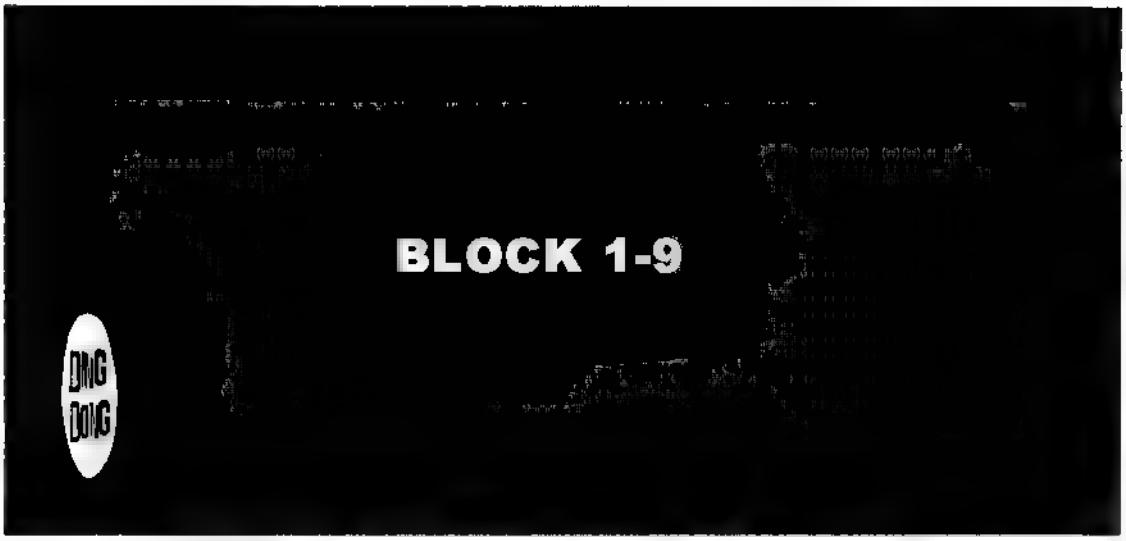
RRRING
Inhuman!
Hypo-crite!
Liar!
Ingrate!


You only care about yourself, right?
RRRING
You care that much about money?
Death
Disgusting
Criminal
Sick
We paid our share.
Anonymous Caller
You're gonna let the Suzushiros die?
RRRING
Get out of our town.
RRRING
It's not like you actually care.
Stop acting like you're innocent.
RRRING
We know who you are.
Anonymous Caller
POST
Did you kill them quickly?
RRRING
What did you do to the Suzushi-ros?
You're the culprit, aren't you?
RRRING
Nakayama
Why don't you just die?
Every-body hates you.
RRRING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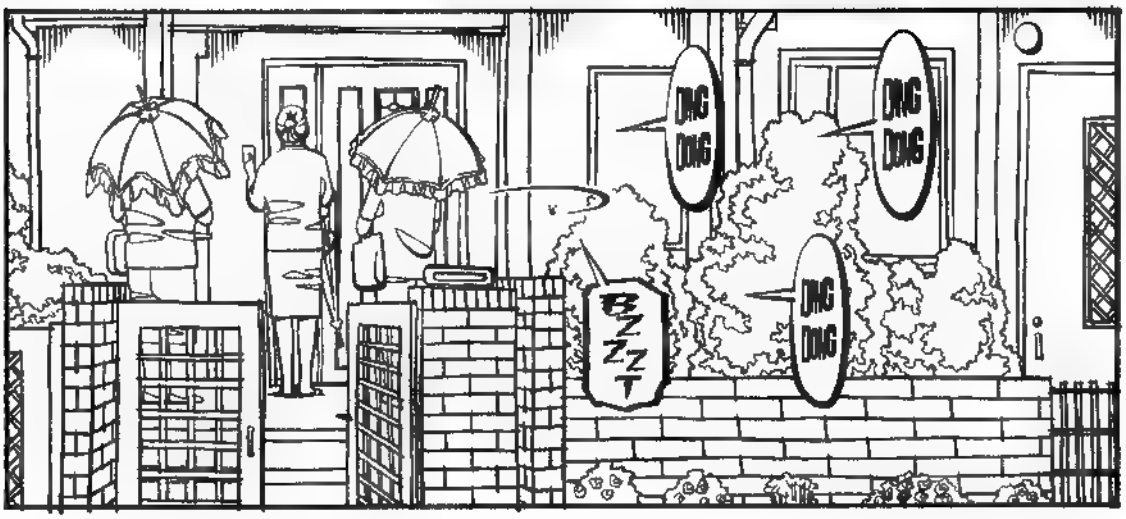
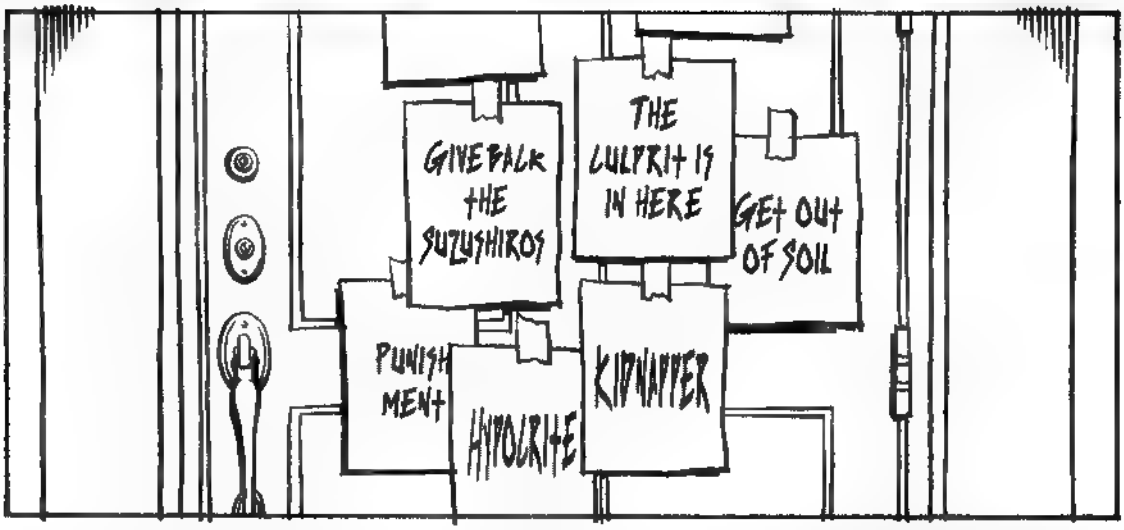
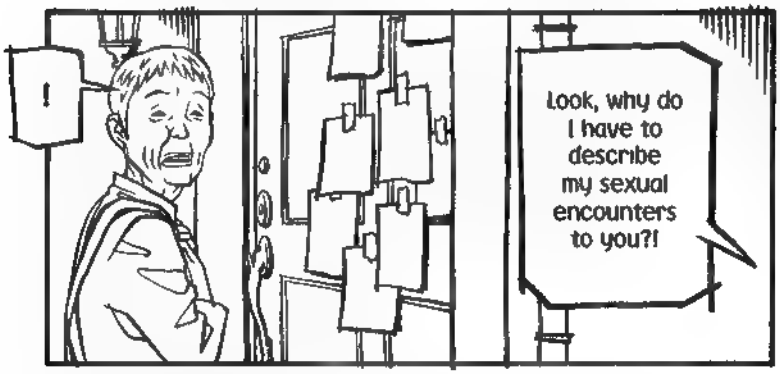
DING DONG


DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
BZZZT

BZZZT
Council presi-dent...!
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG

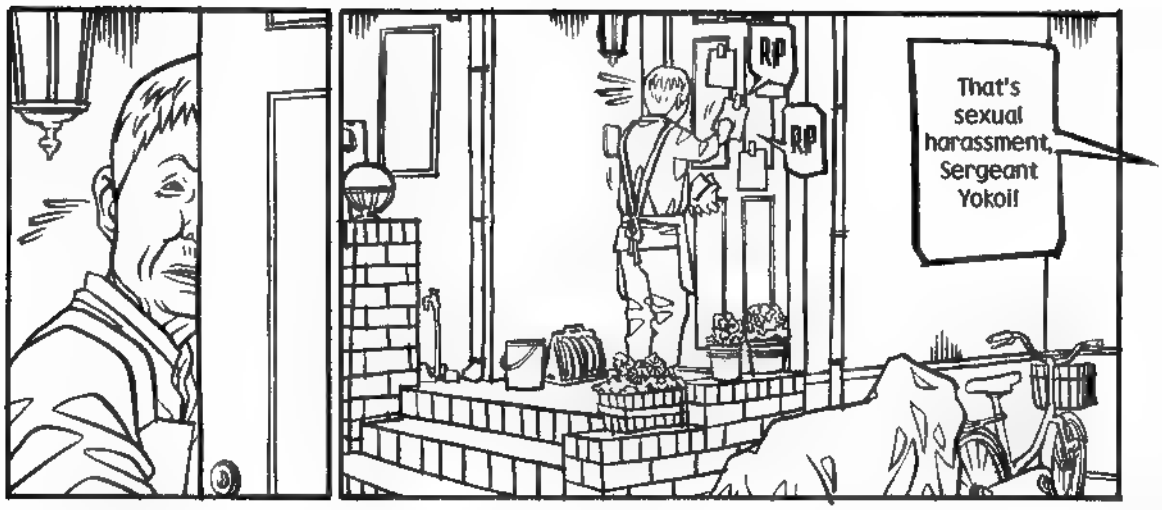
BZZZT
[Absence]

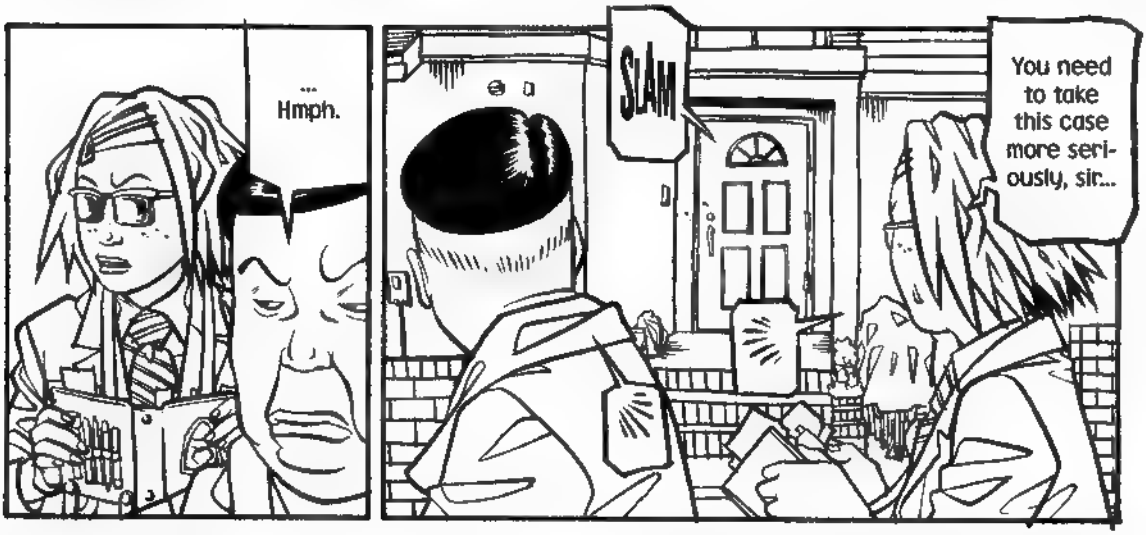

GIVE BACK THE SUZUSHIROS
THE CULPRIT IS IN HERE
GET OUT OF SOIL
PUNISH MENT
HYPOCRITE
KIDNAPPER


!
Look, why do I have to describe my sexual encounters to you?!

...

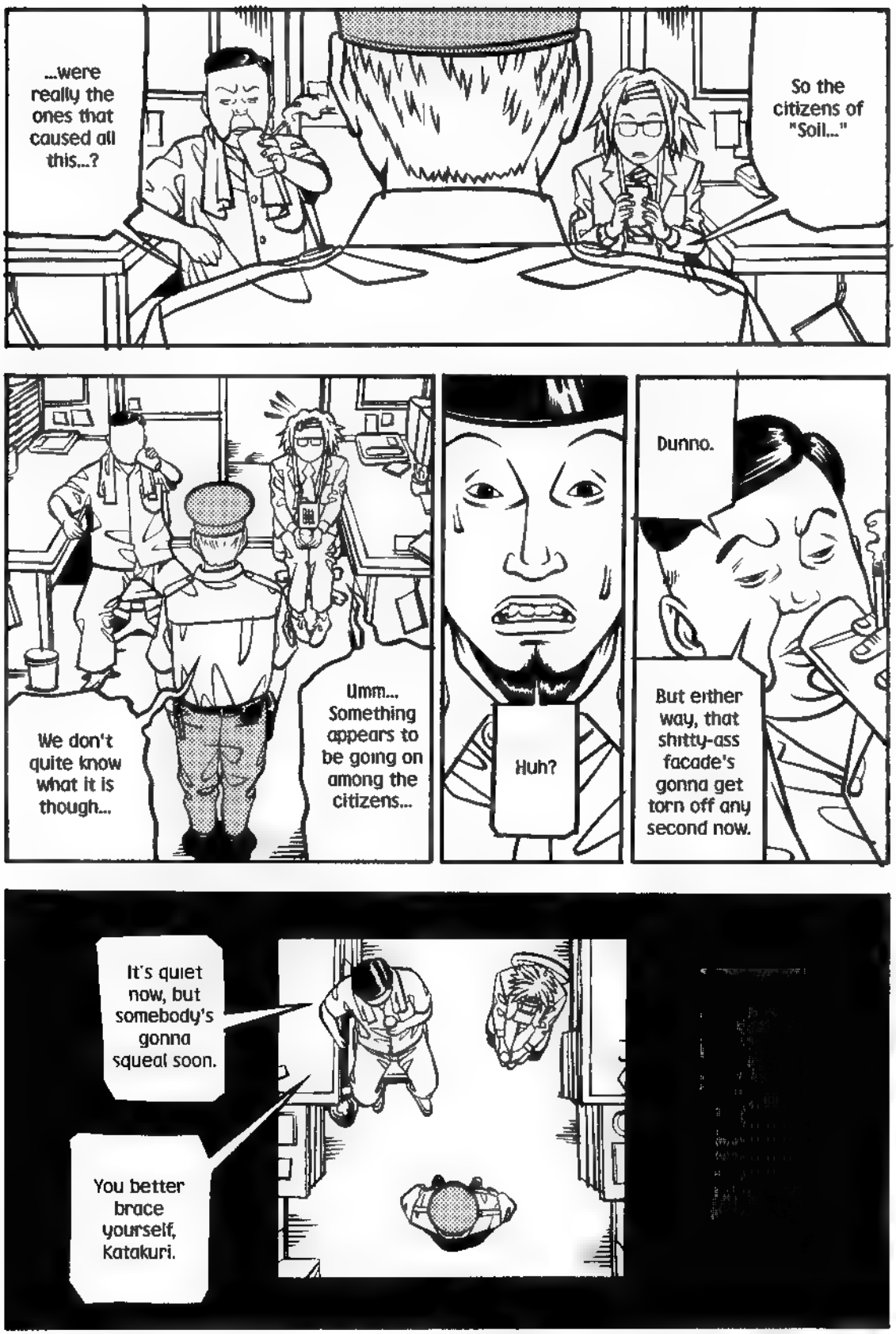
I wanna know what sex is like for an ugly bitch like you!
I'm just curious, alright!


RP
RP
That's sexual harassment, Sergeant Yokoi!


...
Hmph.
SLAM
You need to take this case more seriously, sir...

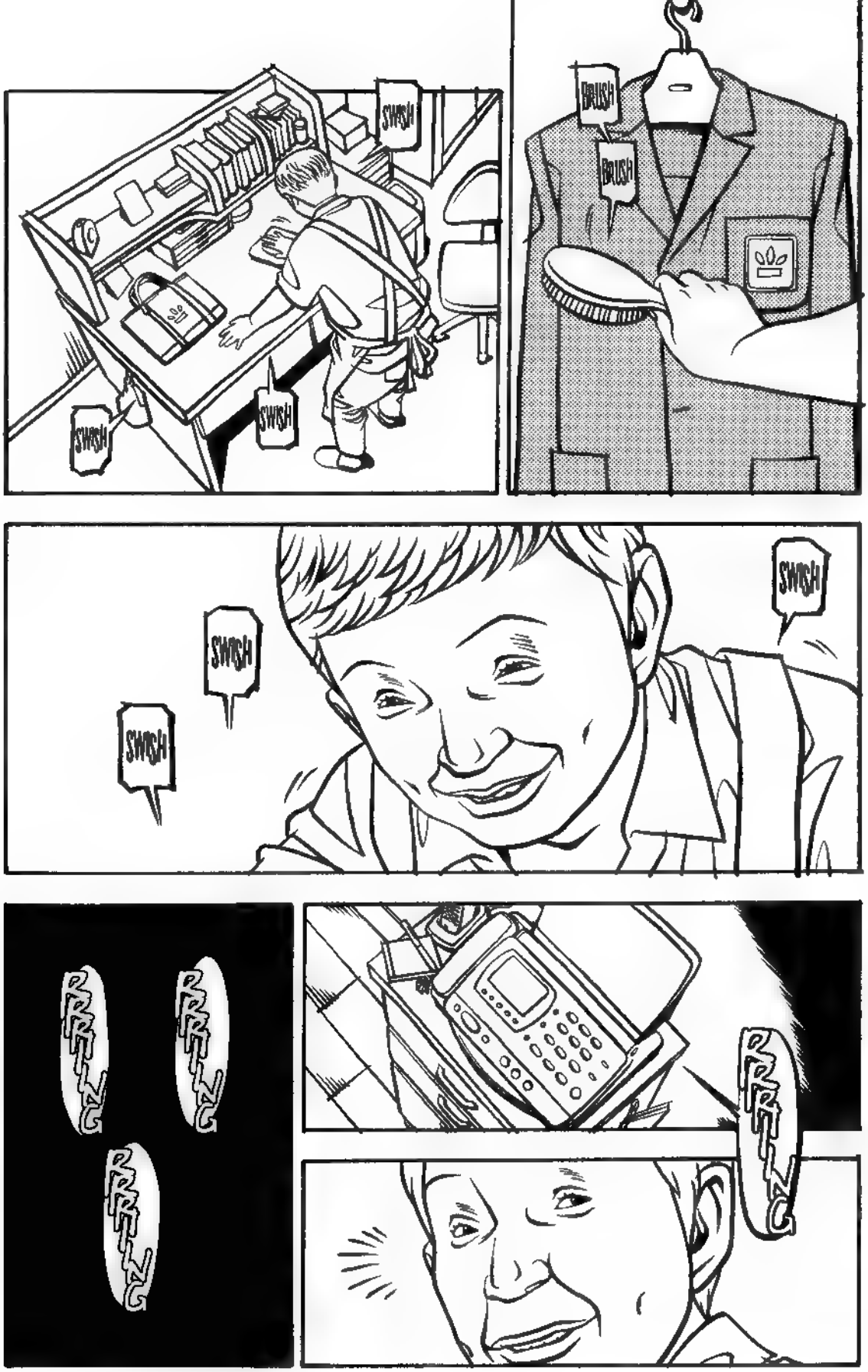
Shoo, shoo!
Scram! Go away!
GRR!
BEE!
Stupid Katakuri!
What the heck!
He yelled at us!
Ouch!
Stop being so friggin' shy!
H-h-h-h-h-h-h-he-
Oh... H-
Hello there, Mr. Yokoi and Ms. Onoda!

...th-that were making harassing phone calls to the Suzushiro family, but...
Th-th-th-these past few days, we've been going around all the homes...
No one's been willing to tell us anything...
W-we've got nothing thus far...
Oh, well...
So, how's the questioning going?
I just can't believe it...
All that nasty stuff, going on in a peaceful town like this...
TOCK
These "honest folk" are such a pain in the ass.
We could've just beaten 'em up if they were mobsters.
What was I seeing this whole time ...?


...were really the ones that caused all this...?
So the citizens of "Soil..."
We don't quite know what it is though...
Umm... Something appears to be going on among the citizens...
Huh?
Dunno.
But either way, that shitty-ass facade's gonna get torn off any second now.
It's quiet now, but somebody's gonna squeal soon.
You better brace yourself, Katakuri.

It's this child.
She started trembling in the middle of science class ...
...
SHUDDER SHUDDER

I-I'm sorry...
...
Oh... Should I not be wearing this?
It's a mask that the shamans used to cure illness during the Jomon period...
...
You're Ms. Kataoka from the eighth grade, right...?
Can we have a little talk...?
Is this about your friends?
Or did something happen at home?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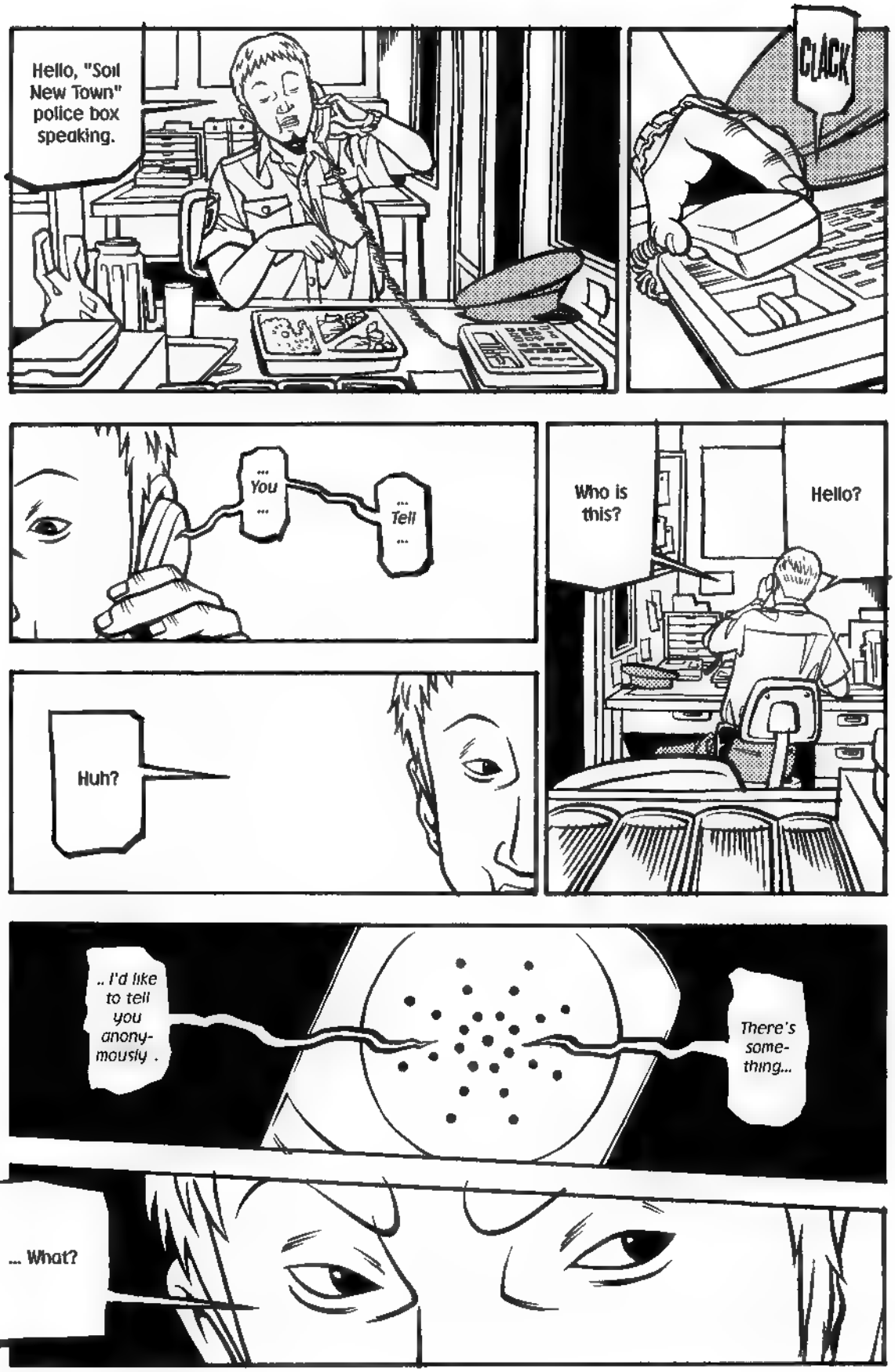
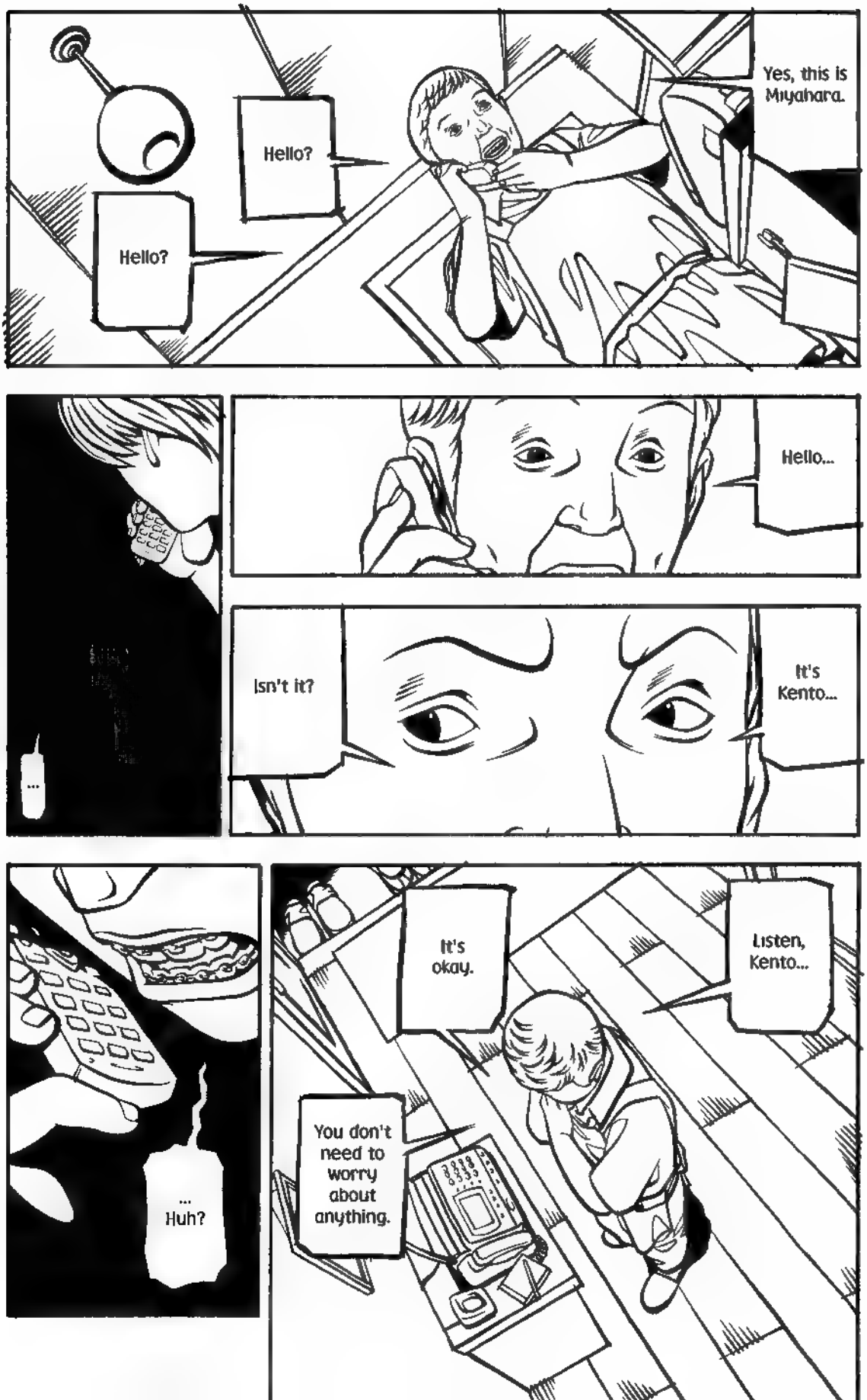
RRRING
RRRING

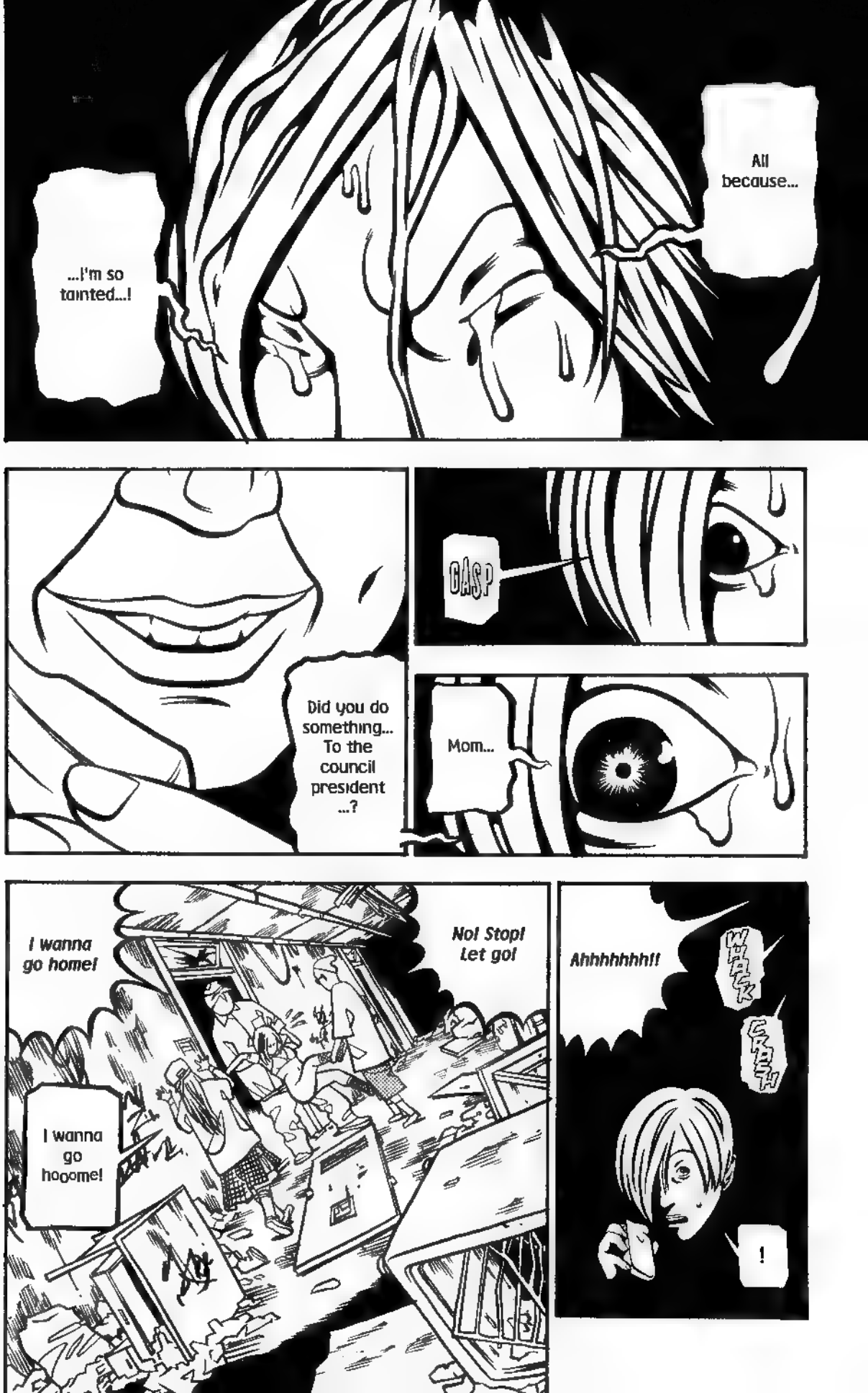

Hello, "Soil New Town" police box speaking.
CLACK
... You ...
... Tell ...
Who is this?
Hello?
Huh?
.. I'd like to tell you anony-mously .
There's some-thing...
... What?

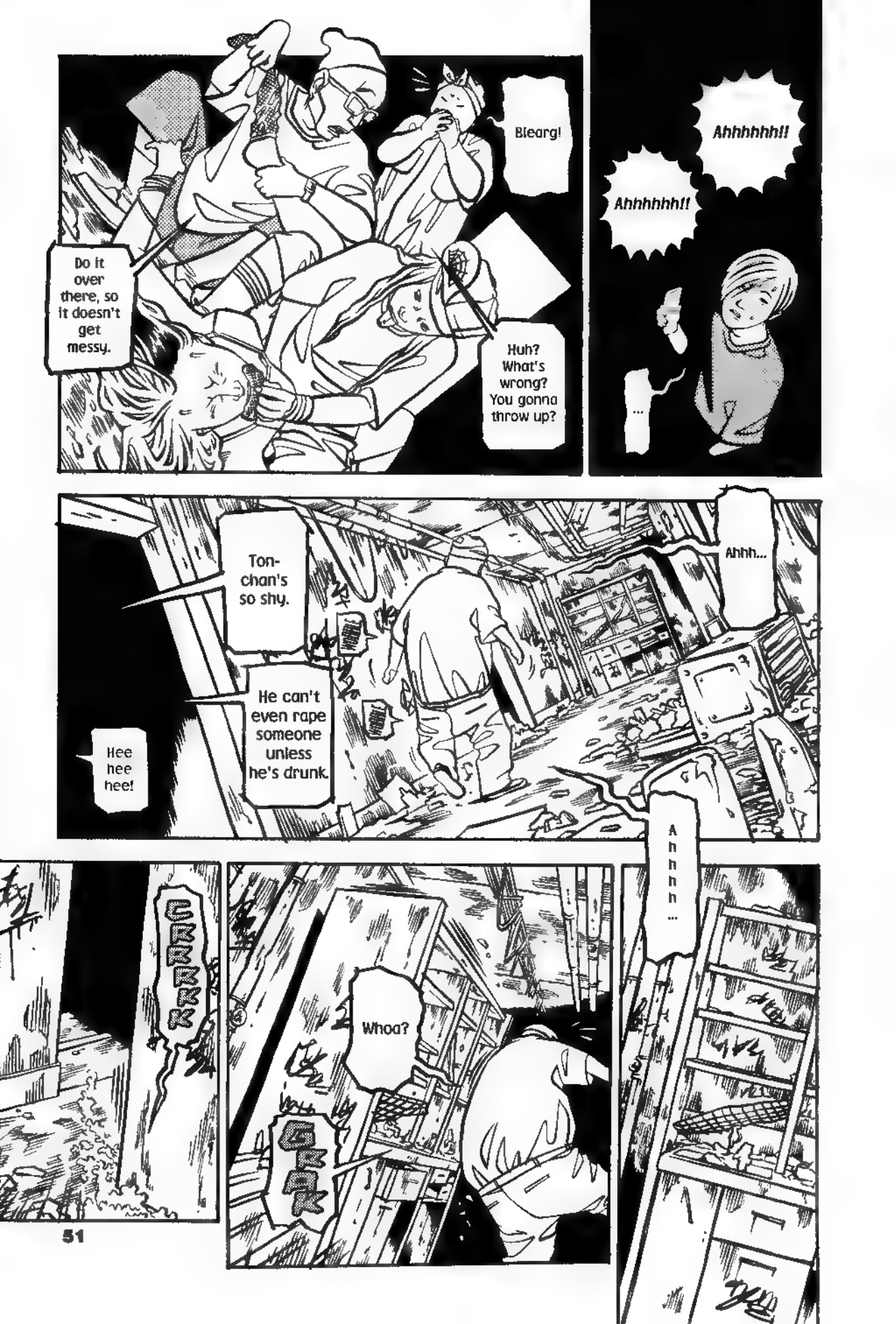

Hello?
Hello?
Yes, this is Miyahara.
...
Hello...
Isn't it?
It's Kento...
... Huh?
It's okay.
You don't need to worry about anything.
Listen, Kento...

From the culprit...?
A ransom letter...?!
I-I'm sorry...
The neighbors and council members were watching me...
UGK
Why didn't you tell us immediately?!
To the town council ...?!
When ...?!
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
...take it anymore ...
But I can't...

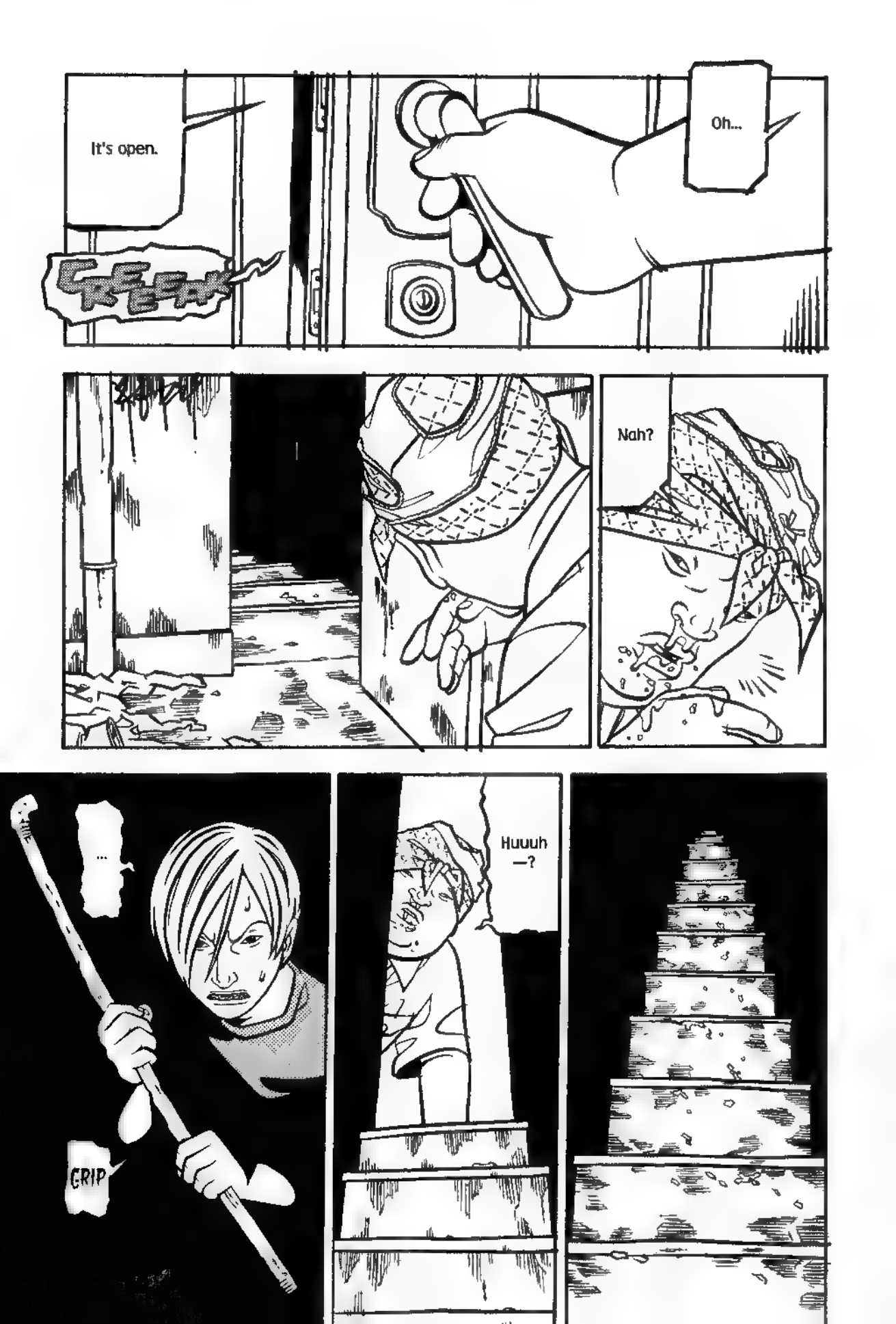
I can't stand it anymore ...!
Please, make it end...!
Help me...!
Please ...
Where is it?!
And?! The ransom letter...!
Probably... At his house...
... With the council president...
Shit!
SHUK
SHUK
I can't believe this!
Shit!
GA-SHUK
GA-SHUK

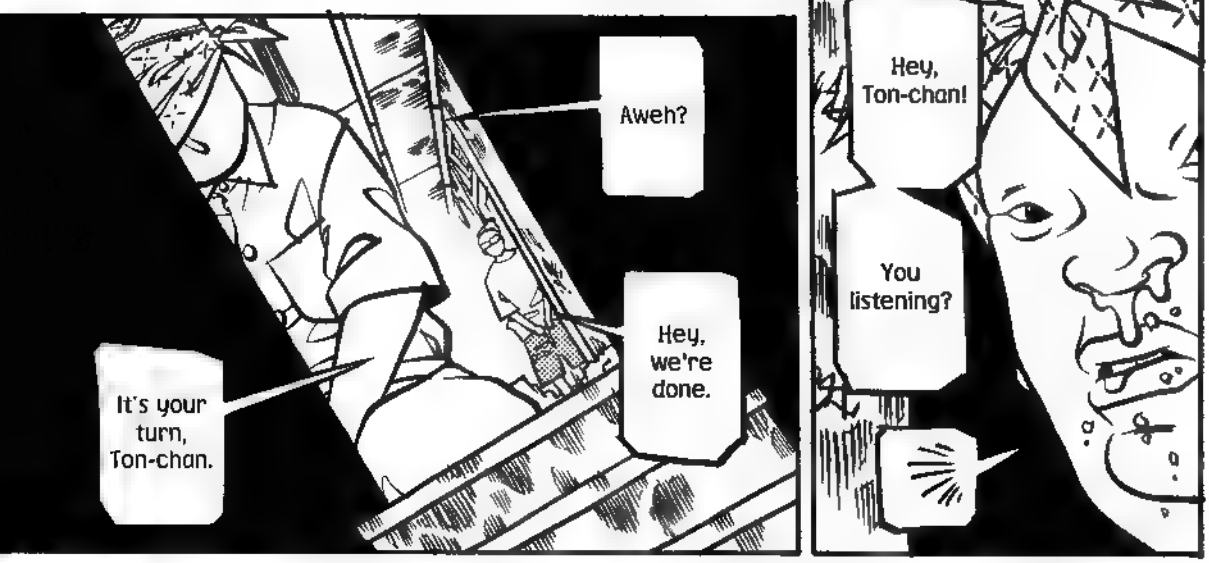
I'll never let him do something so... *Disgusting* again...
You don't want to come home because of *him*, right?
It's okay... I won't let him lay a finger on you...
You looked...?
Inside my room...?
... Mom...
... No... That was...
That was my fault...
It all happened because of me...
So disgusting...
It was so despicable...
So terrible...

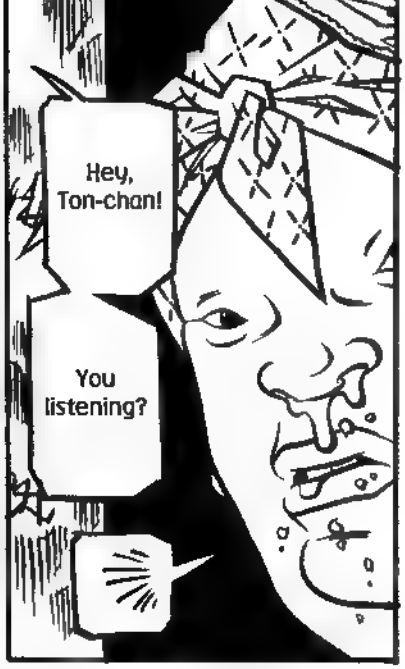

All because...
...I'm so tainted...!
GASP
Did you do something... To the council president ...?
Mom...
I wanna go home!
No! Stop! Let go!
I wanna go hoooome!
Ahhhhhhh!!
WACK
CRASH
!


Blearg!
Do it over there, so it doesn't get messy.
Huh? What's wrong? You gonna throw up?
Ahhhhhh!!
Ahhhhhh!!
...
Ton-chan's so shy.
He can't even rape someone unless he's drunk.
Hee hee hee!
Ahhh...
Ahhhh...
Whoa?
CRRRK
CRRRK

BEEP
...
Blaaagh!
Bleaargh!
Shit...
He's not home...
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
CHUK
Huh?
BZZZT
...
What's that smell...?
BZZT


It's open.
CREEEAK
Oh...
Nah?
...
GRIP
Huuuh
—?


Aweh?
Hey, we're done.
It's your turn, Ton-chan.


Hey, Ton-chan!
You listening?

Hoo hoo!
Oka—y oka—y!

Eehee!

muFF
muFF
muFF
muFF

CLANK

8th Grade, Class C
Mizuki Suzushiro

SOIL
Block 1-9 [End]

SOIL
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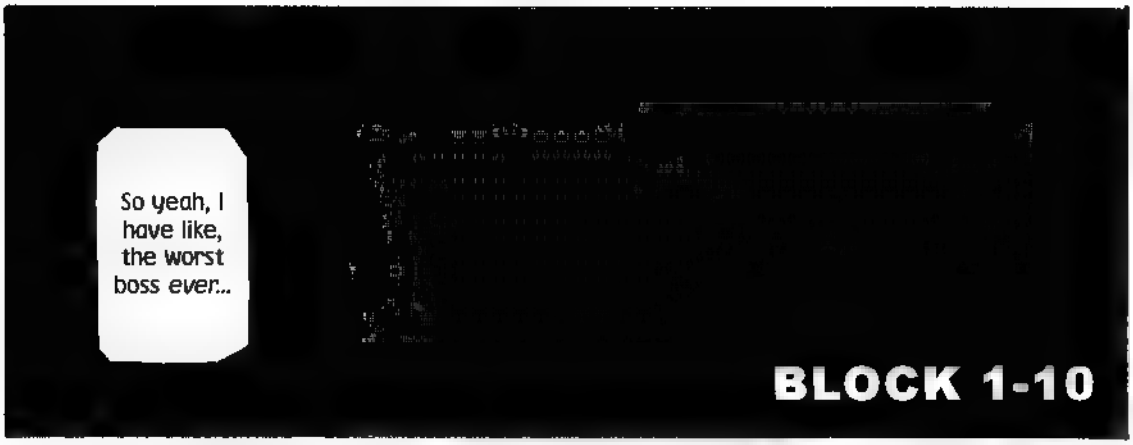
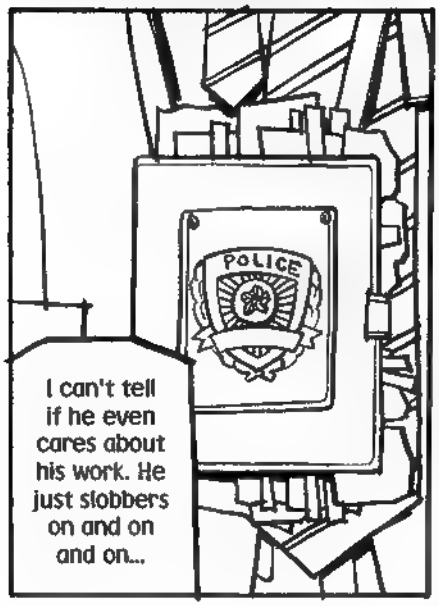
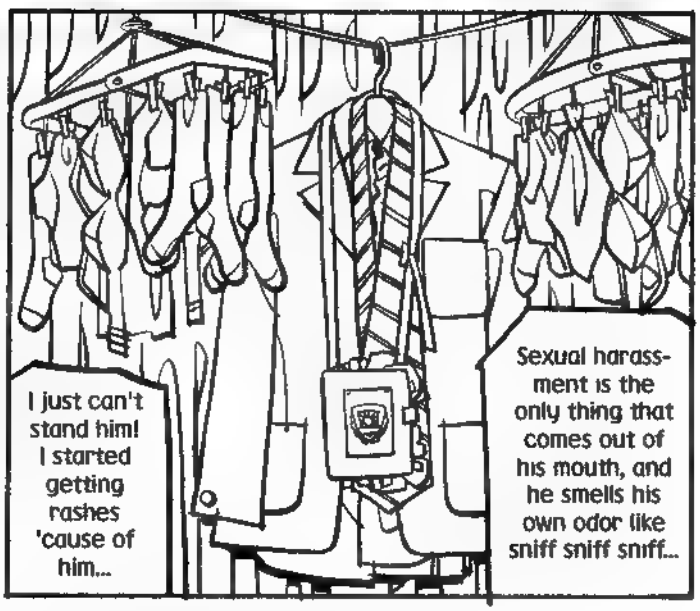
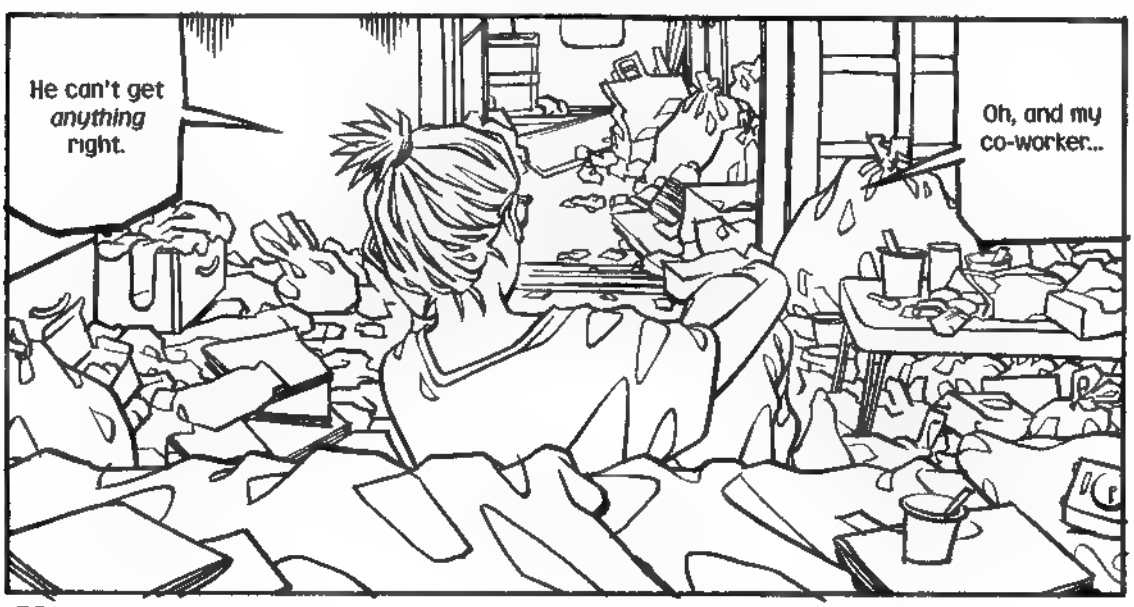
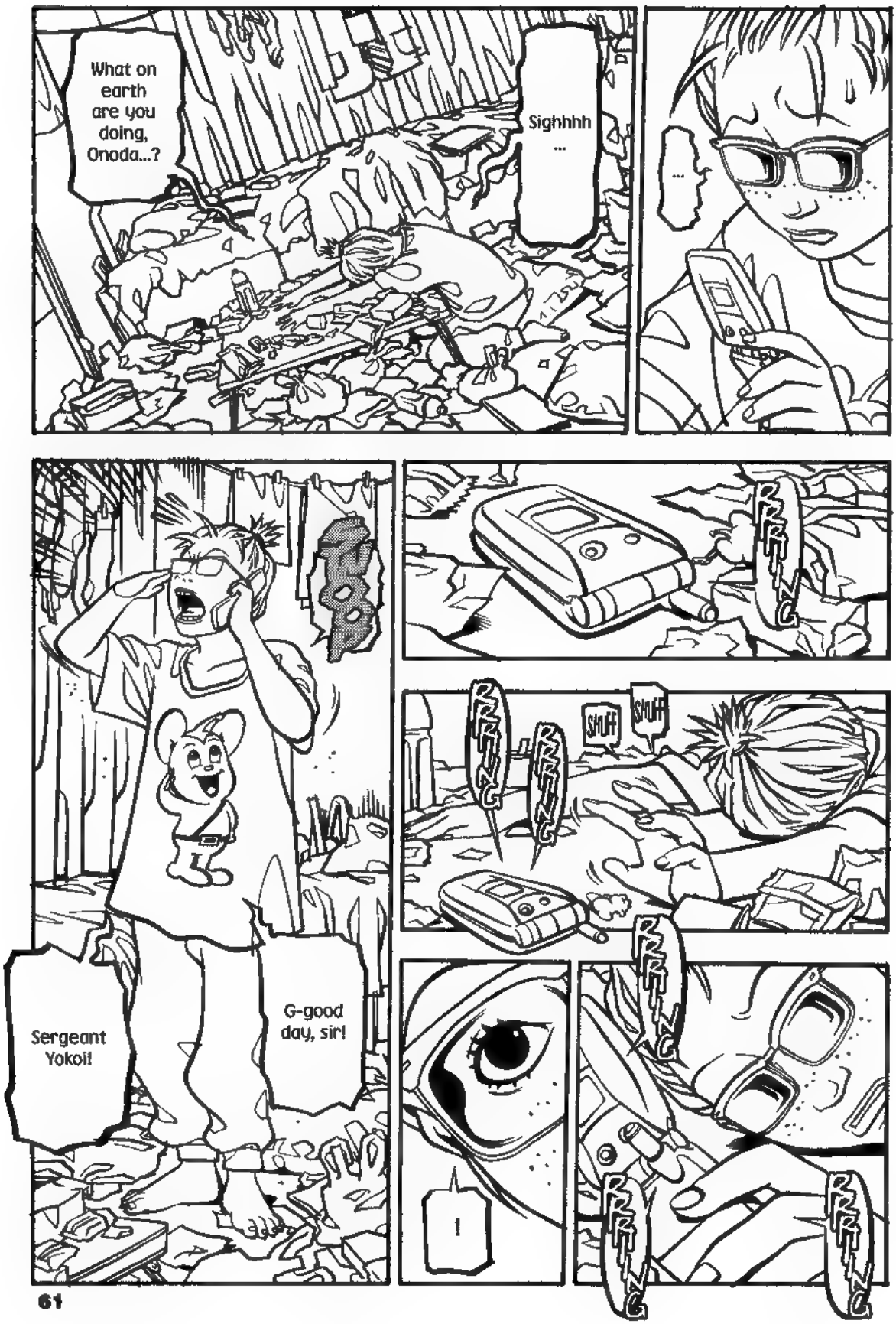

So yeah, I have like, the worst boss *ever*...
BLOCK 1-10


POLICE
I can't tell if he even cares about his work. He just slobbers on and on and on...

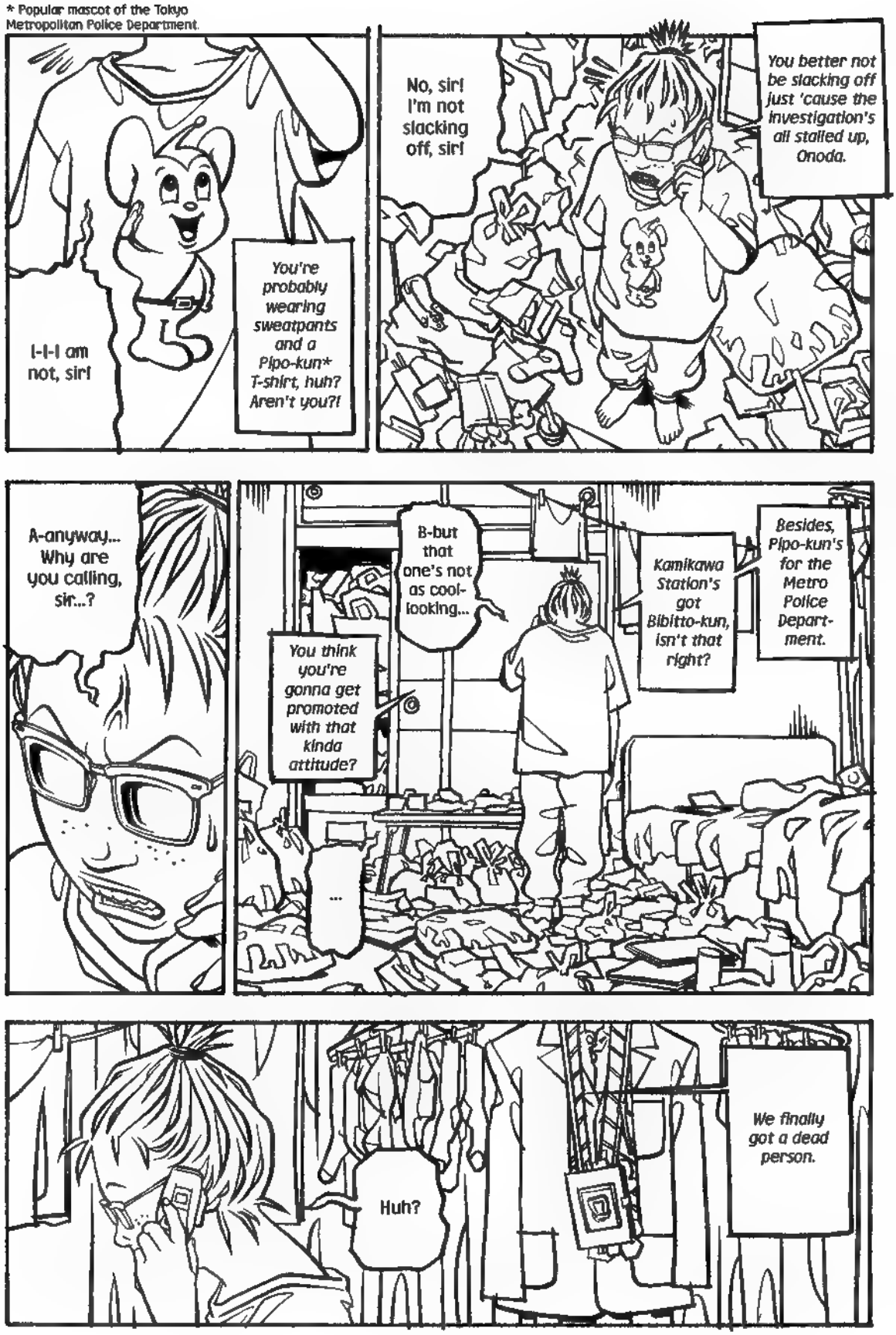

I just can't stand him! I started getting rashes 'cause of him...
Sexual harassment is the only thing that comes out of his mouth, and he smells his own odor like sniff sniff sniff...

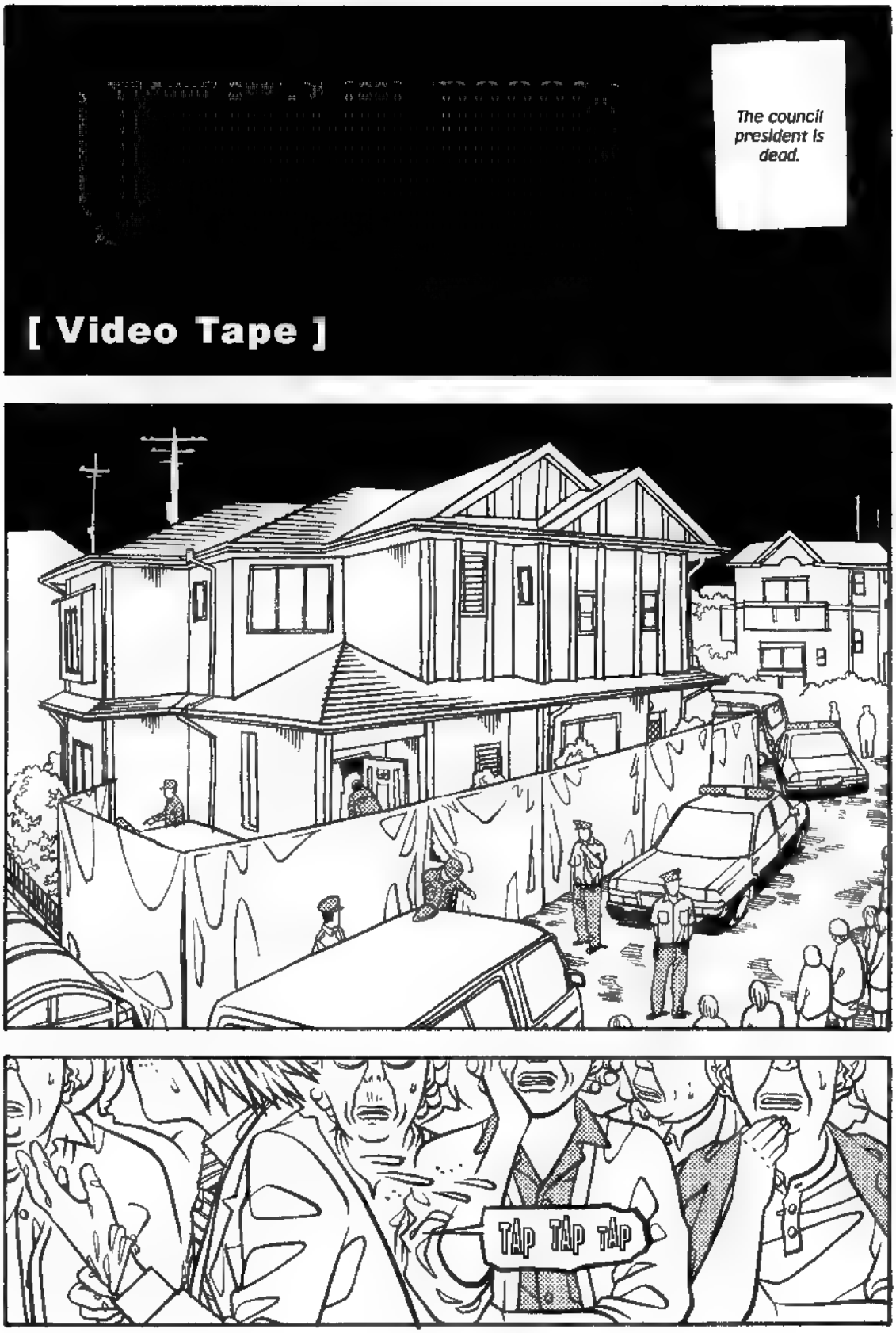

He can't get *anything* right.
Oh, and my co-worker...

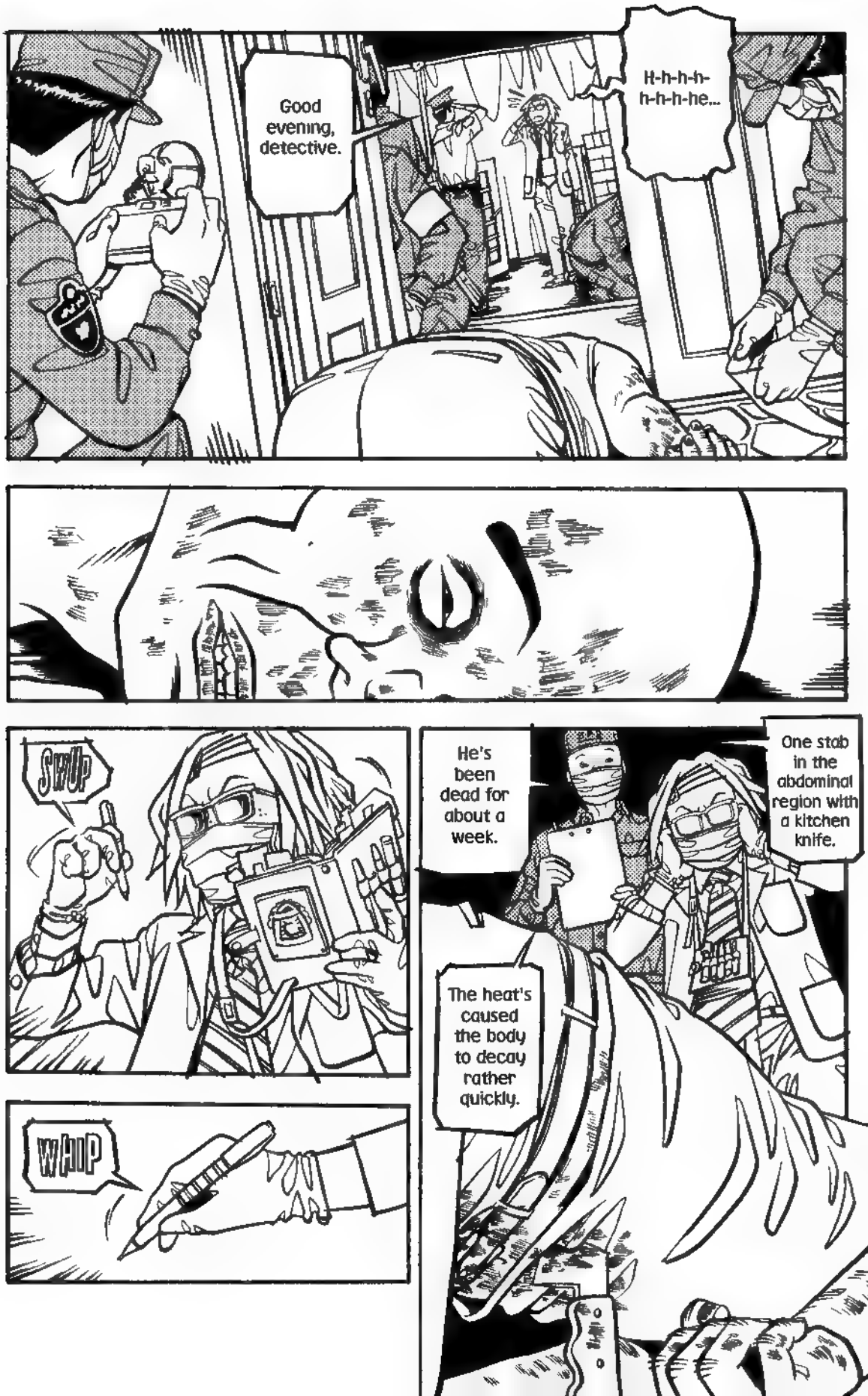
But he somehow manages to get the job done, so he's a senior detective. Even though he's younger than me... Hum hum.
He's such a big slouch.
He's actually kinda handsome, but he acts like a kid, you know?
SHUFF
SHUFF
... What? You a shill or something?
N-no... It's just...
Maybe grab some dinner on the way.
Oh... No, that's a little...
Hey, we should talk this out when we meet up.
Wow, don't know what your job is, but...
Sounds like you've got it pretty tough.
CLICK
Don't use online dating if you're just gonna complain, bitch!
You weren't thinking about meeting me in the first place, were you?!


What on earth are you doing, Onoda...?
Sighhhh ...
...
RRING
SNUFF
SNUFF
RRING
RRING
!
RRING
RRING
RRING
Sergeant Yokoi!
G-good day, sir!

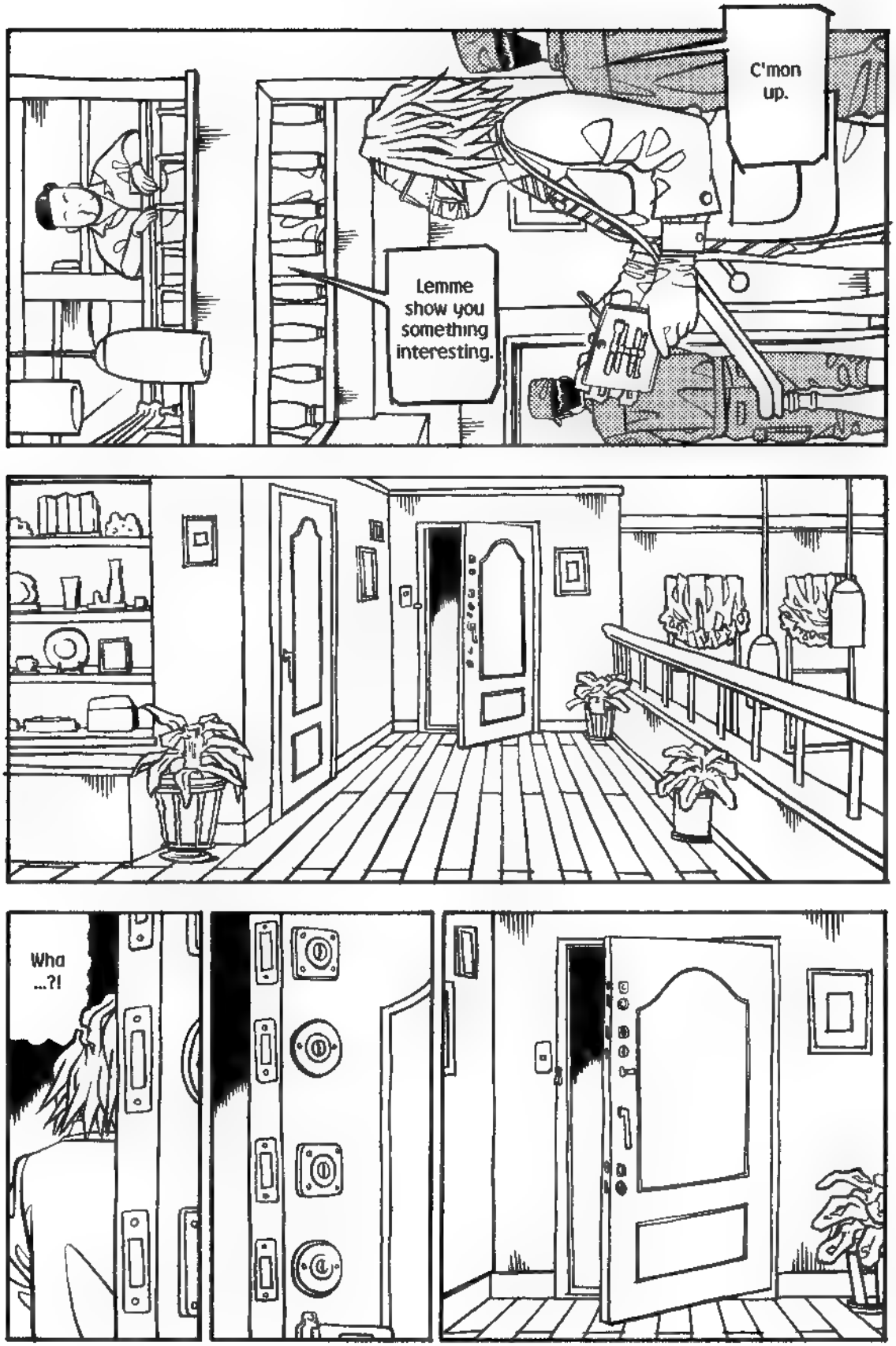
* Popular mascot of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department.


I-I-I am not, sir!
You're probably wearing sweatpants and a Pipo-kun* T-shirt, huh? Aren't you?!
No, sir! I'm not slacking off, sir!
You better not be slacking off just 'cause the investigation's all stalled up, Onoda.
A-anyway... Why are you calling, sir...?
B-but that one's not as cool-looking...
You think you're gonna get promoted with that kinda attitude?
...
Kamikawa Station's got Bibitto-kun, isn't that right?
Besides, Pipo-kun's for the Metro Police Department.
Huh?
We finally got a dead person.

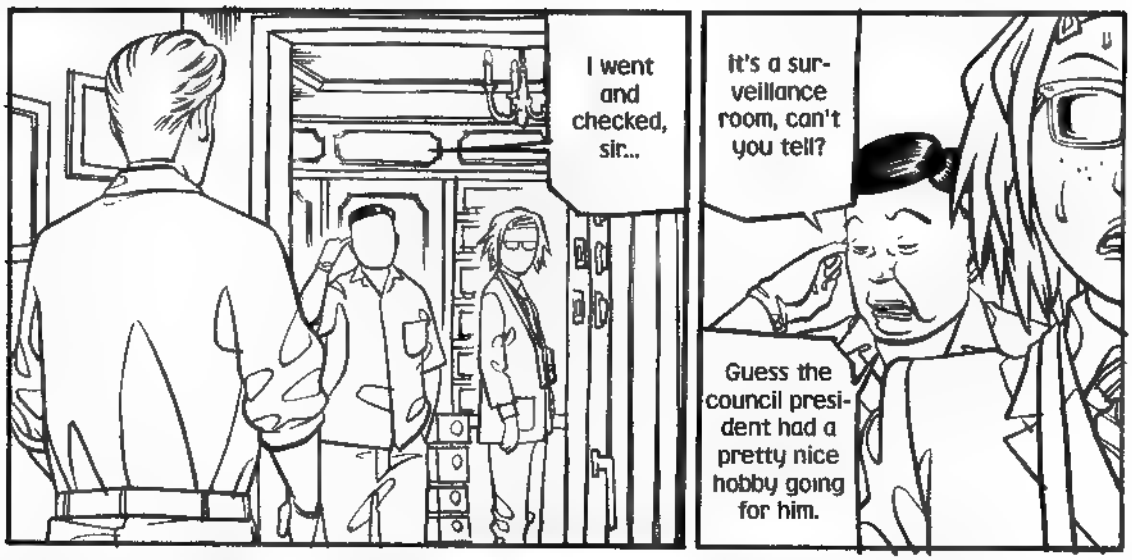

The council president is dead.
[Video Tape]
TAP TAP TAP

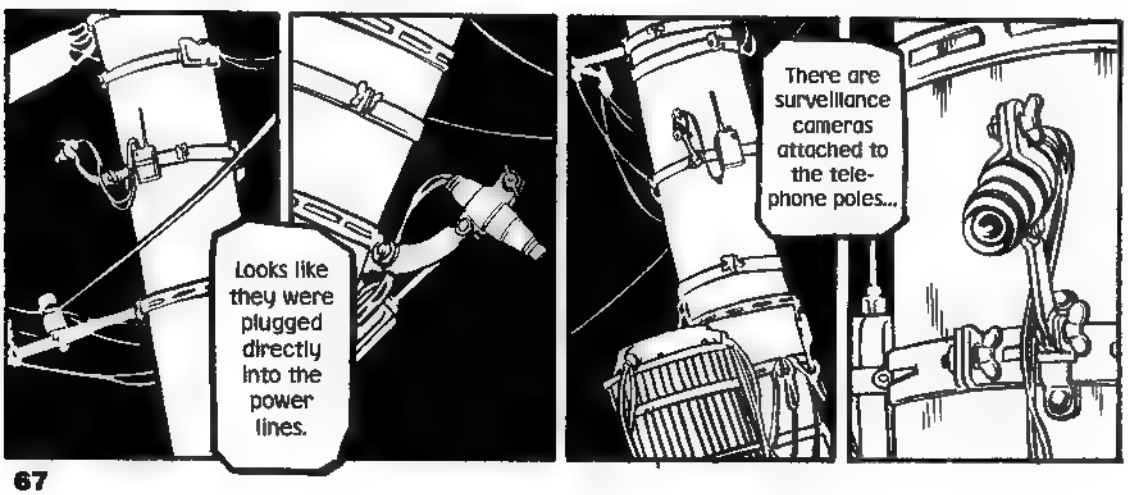

Good evening, detective.
H-h-h-h-h-h-h-he...
SWIP
WHIP
He's been dead for about a week.
One stab in the abdominal region with a kitchen knife.
The heat's caused the body to decay rather quickly.

The culprit must have been in a state of derange-ment, possibly due to deep resentment...
The key was left open!
The weapon was left behind!
WHIP
WHIP
Meaning there was no intent to conceal the crime!
Mr. Katakuri was so surprised he slipped and hit his head...
Onoda!
I don't know what's going on anymore...
Ohh... Man...


C'mon up.
Lemme show you something interesting.
Wha ...?!

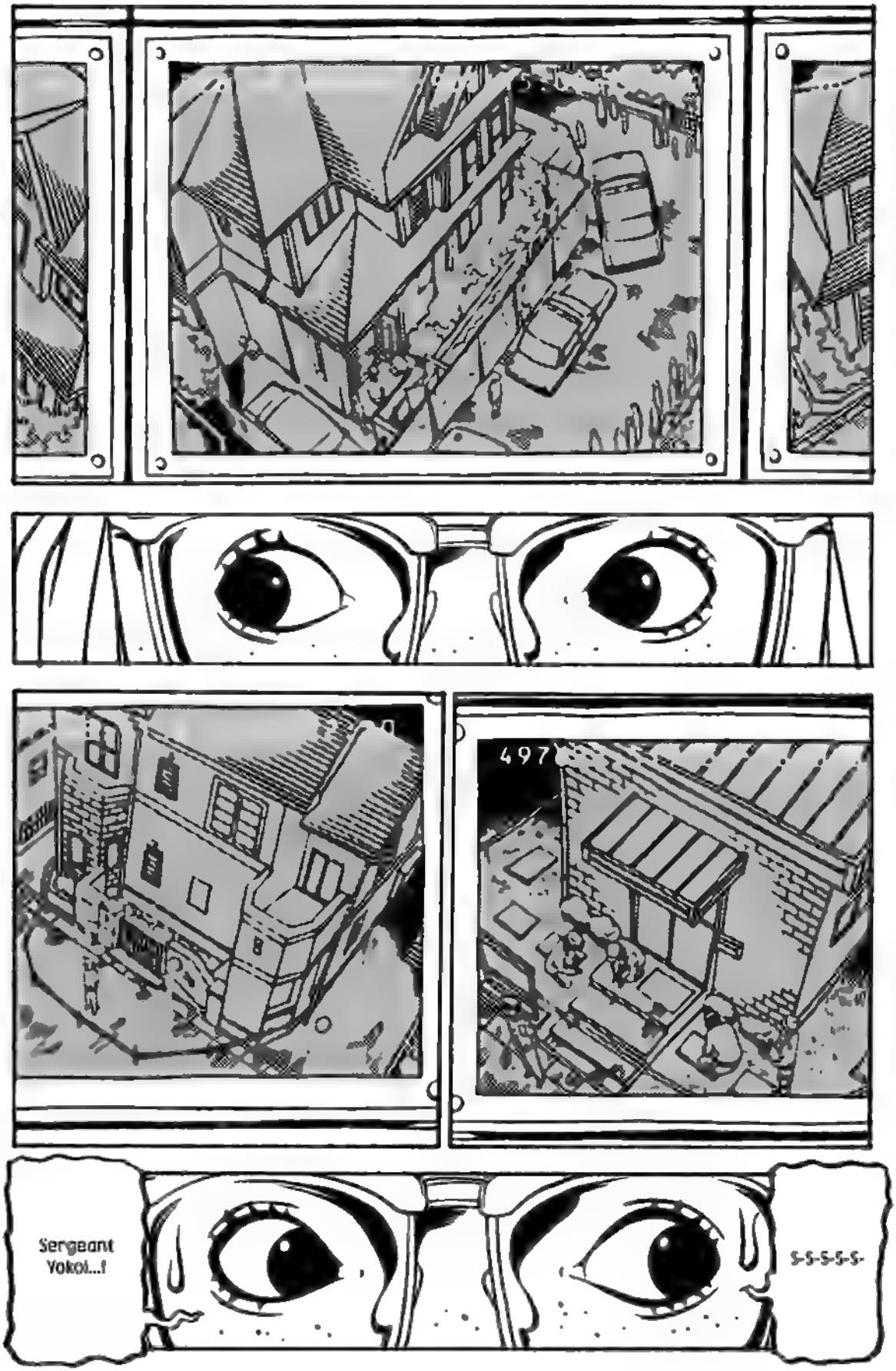
What in the world is this...?
Crime Scene Unit


I went and checked, sir...
It's a surveillance room, can't you tell?
Guess the council president had a pretty nice hobby going for him.


Looks like they were plugged directly into the power lines.
There are surveillance cameras attached to the telephone poles...

A
...
I was just about to take a bath and go to bed.
Maaan, I'm tired.
THUD
To the citizens of soul new town
Fucking assholes ...
The whole town was trying to keep it under wraps.
Yup.
It's the ransom letter that was sent to the town council.
S-so this is the...?!

Probably the toenail from the pinky...
And this nail... Looks like it was torn off from the base.
Could this be Mizuki Suzushiro's hand-writing...?
"Collect 30 million yen from all the town's citizens..."
I feel stupid for thinking so hard.
So this was all just a kidnapping for ransom, huh?
GASP
How do we investigate from--
Is there any connection with the council president's murder...?
... Which means, the target is somewhere within the town limits...?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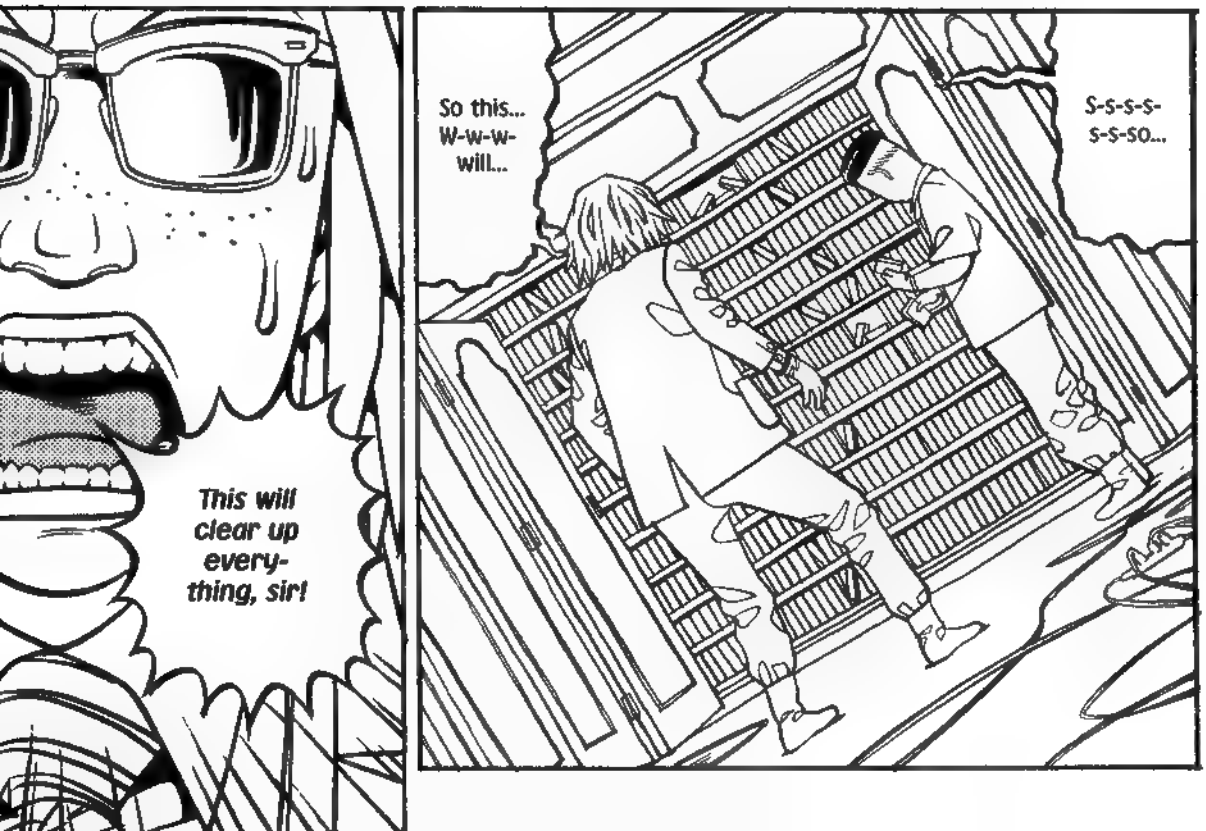
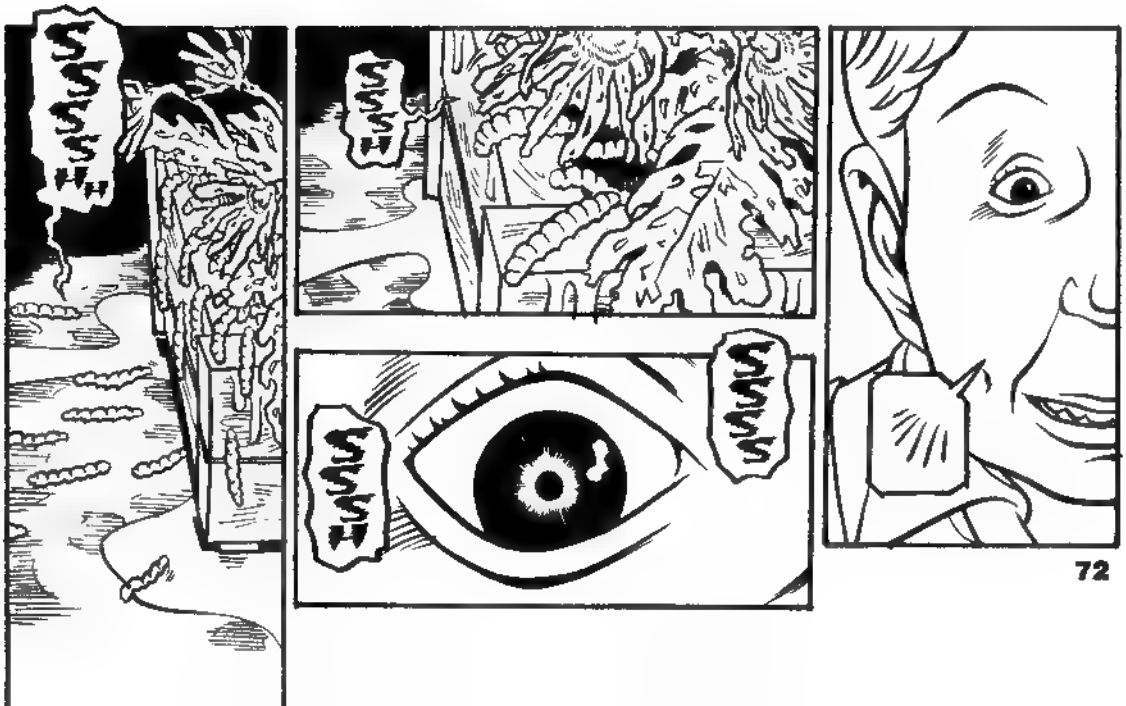
Sergeant Yokoi...!
S-S-S-S-S-

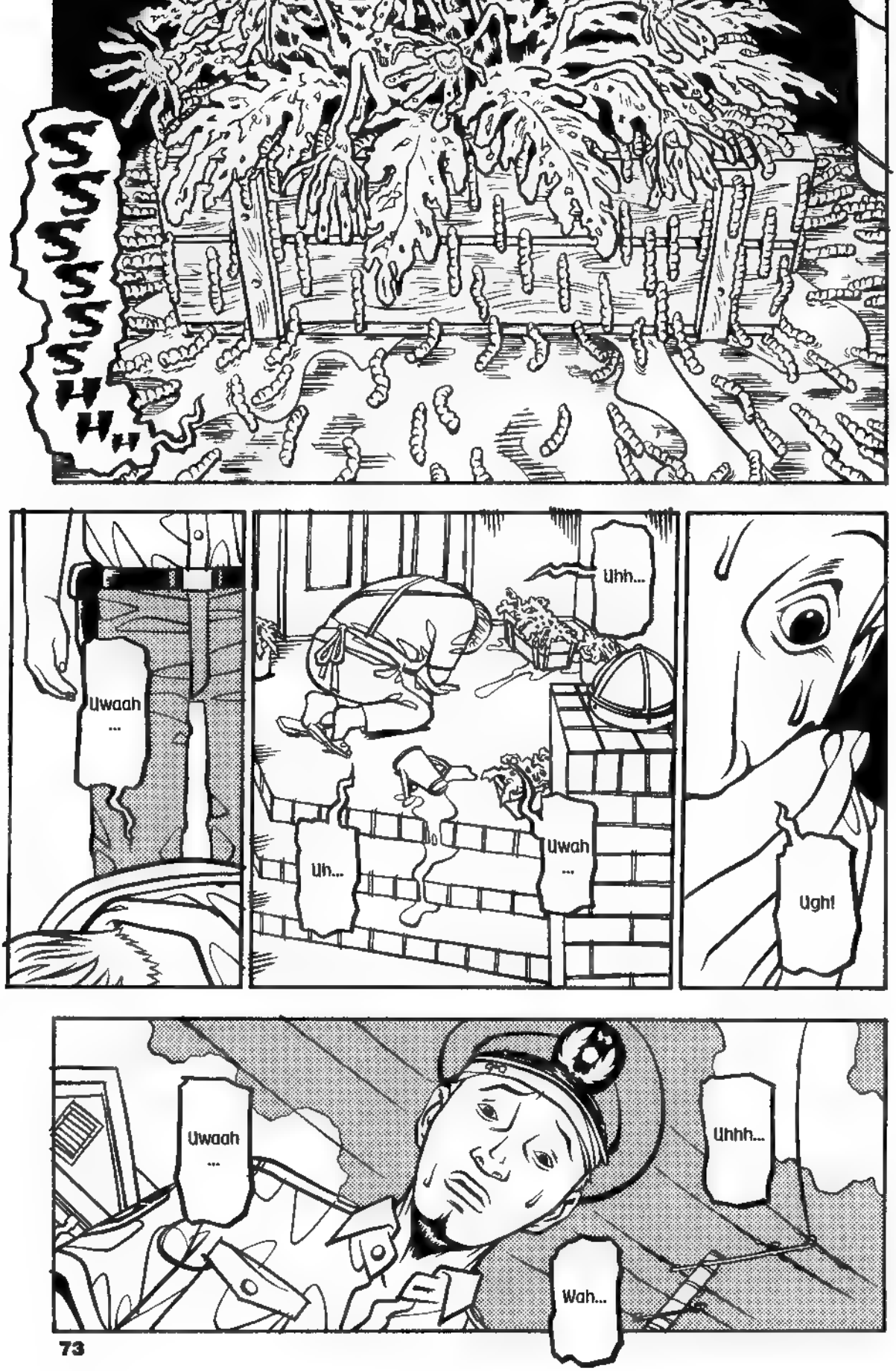
He really did have a nice hobby going for him.
What a lifesaver.
SLIDE

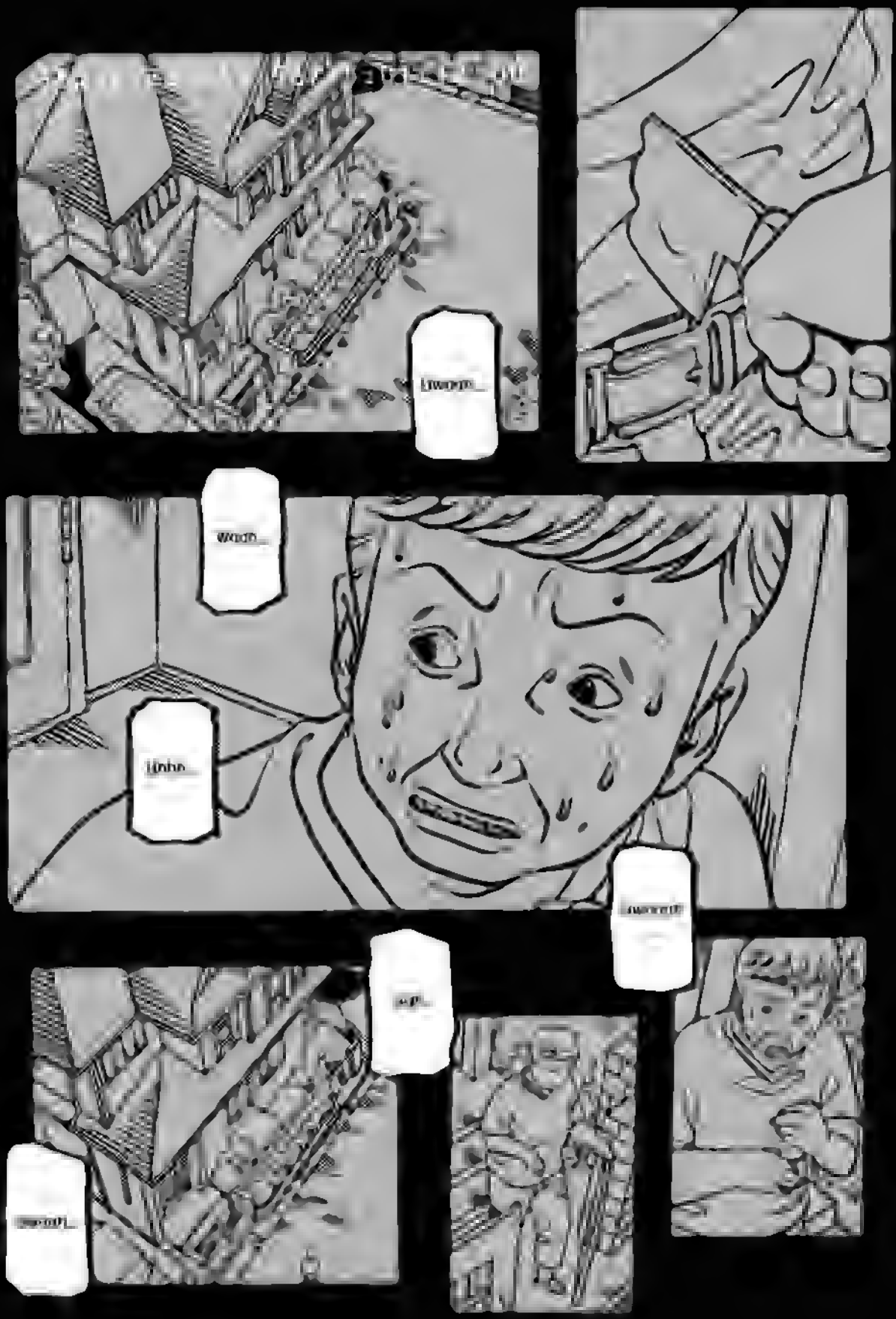

This will clear up every-thing, sir!
So this... W-w-w-will...
S-s-s-s-s-s-so...

ただいま

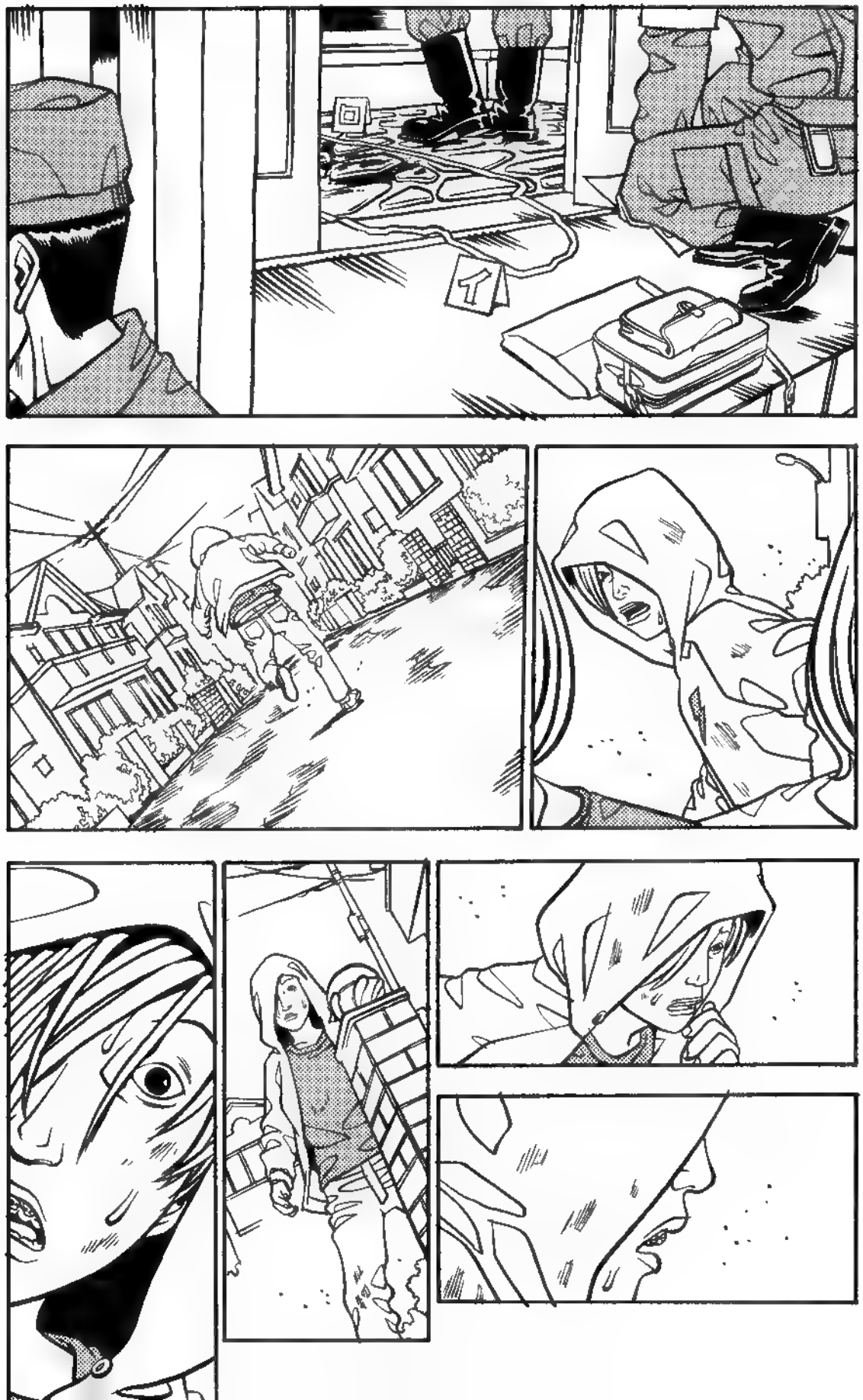
Whaaaaaaaaat?!


SSSSHH
SSSSH
SSSS
SSSSH


SSSSSSHHH
Uwaah ...
Uhh...
Uwah ...
Uh...
Ugh!
Uwaah ...
Uhhh...
Wah...



All of it...
The "business ..."
I thought I hadn't seen him around these past few days...
Now we won't be able to hide it any longer...
They found his corpse...
Somebody informed the police about the ransom letter, and...
And who...?
...
But why the council presi-dent...?



It's gonna
Miyahara
sir.

Are you sure
about
that?

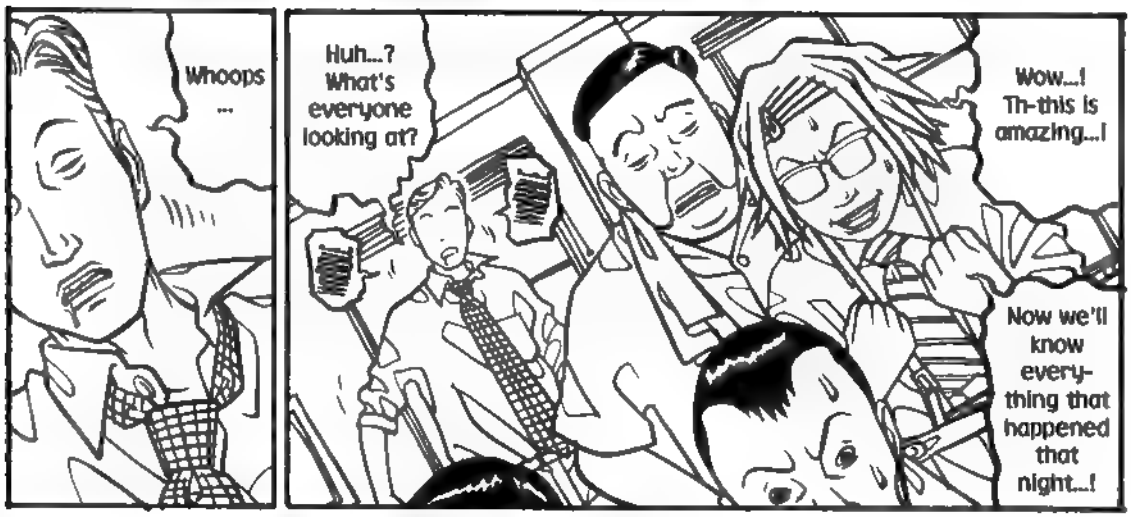
Yes, I saw
him in front
of the
school
yesterday.

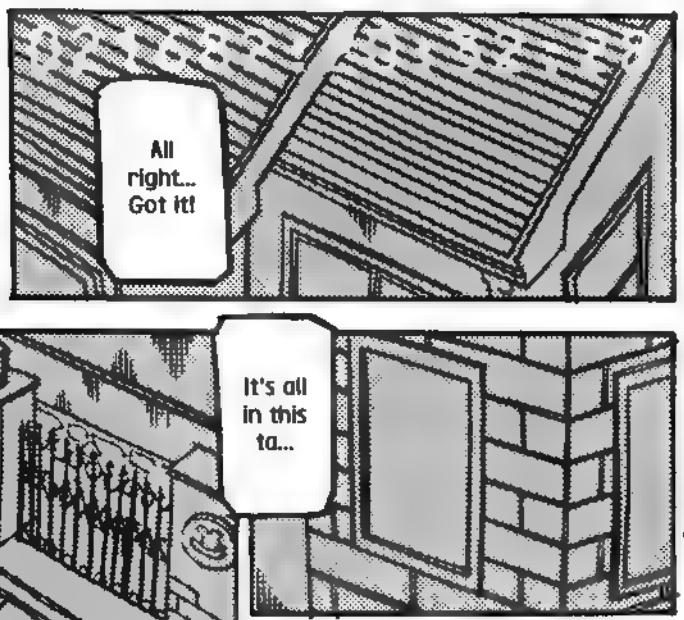
Simply, the
mother's
the culprit
behind
either, and he
won't die no
matter how
many times
you kill him.

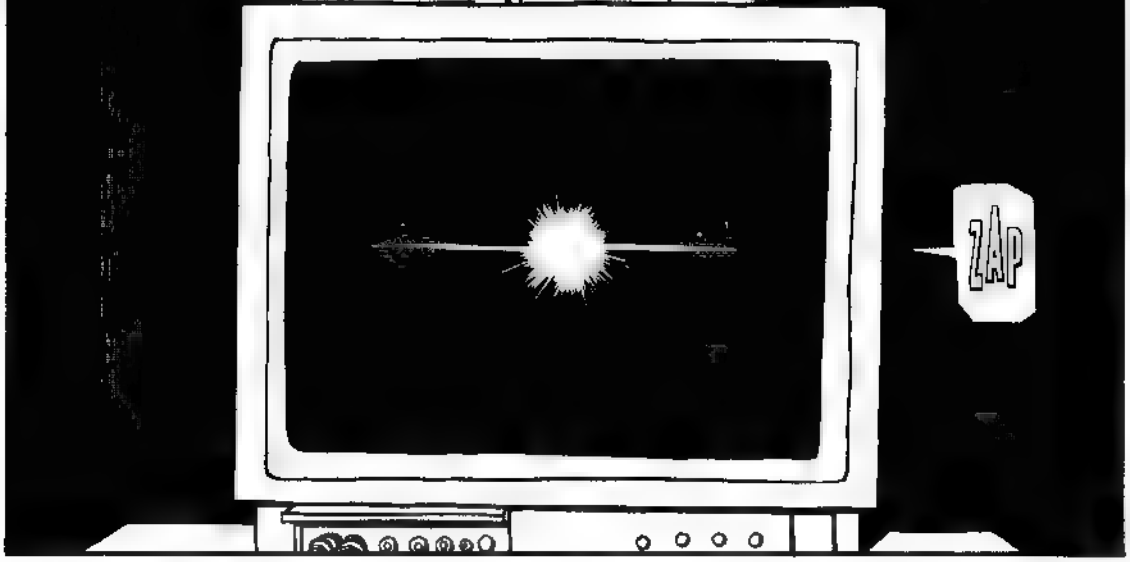
Kill him!

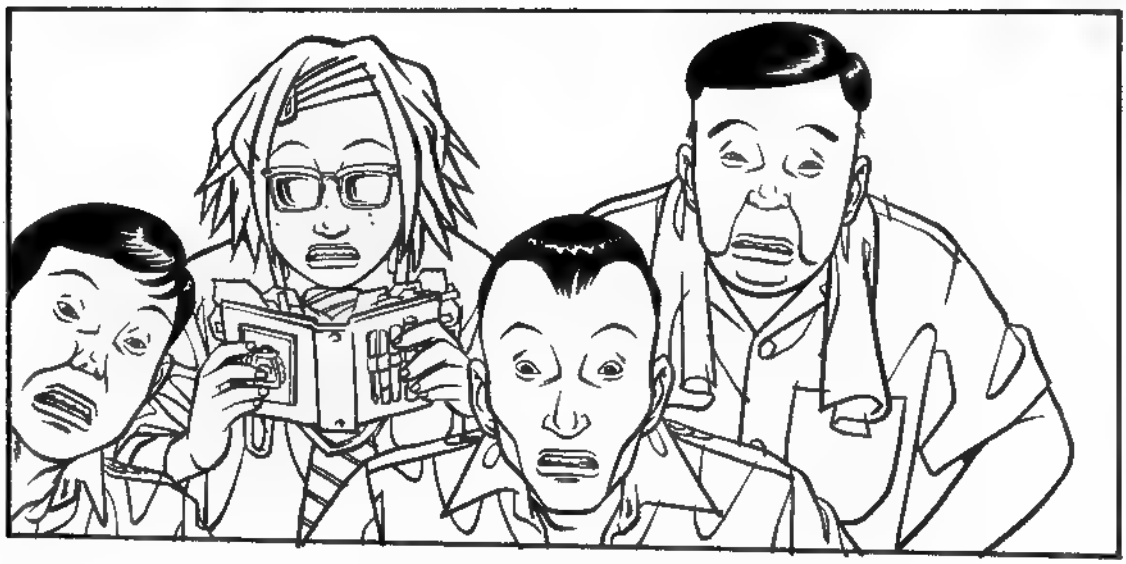
Oh well. There's no point in racking our brains anymore.
Mmm...
He was definitely the one who delivered the ransom letter, but...
A 14-year-old boy abducting Officer Ichinose and a family of three...?
It's all in here some-where.
Give us a break...
The one we're looking for?
Hey, you found it already?

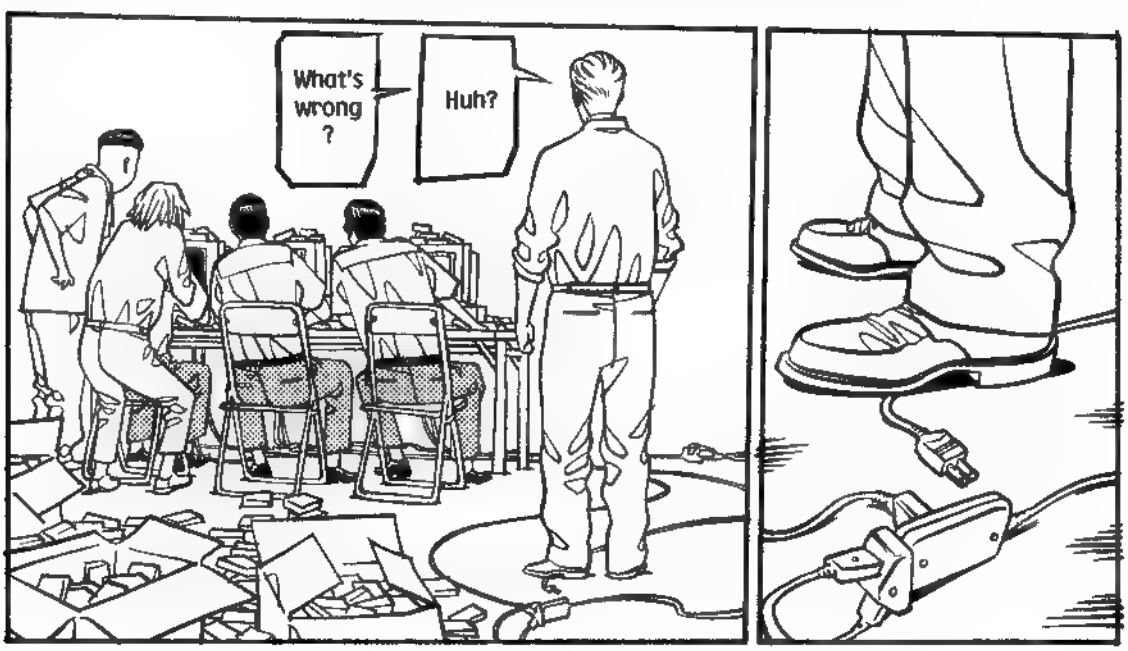
And there are no labels or anything, so we just gotta look through 'em one by one...
Geez... They brought 'em in all randomly so they're totally unorganized...
We finally got those other ones done last night...
There are this many of them!
ZZZZZZ
...
The angle from the Suzushiro residence?!
This is it! The tape from the night of the blackout!
Yes!
I got it!
I-
I-


Whoops ...
Huh...? What's everyone looking at?
Wow...! Th-this is amazing...!
Now we'll know every-thing that happened that night...!


All right... Got it!
It's all in this ta...
I-it was 20:59!
When did the blackout occur?
20:32!


ZAP

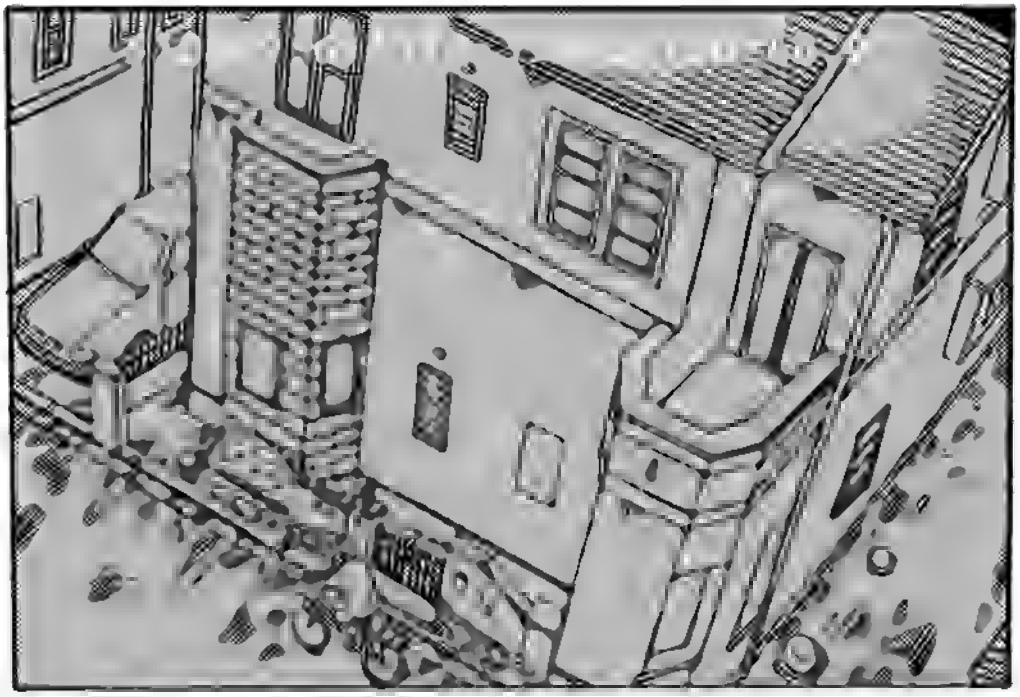



What's wrong ?
Huh?

SOIL
Block 1-10 [End]

SOIL

Block 1-11 [Exposed]



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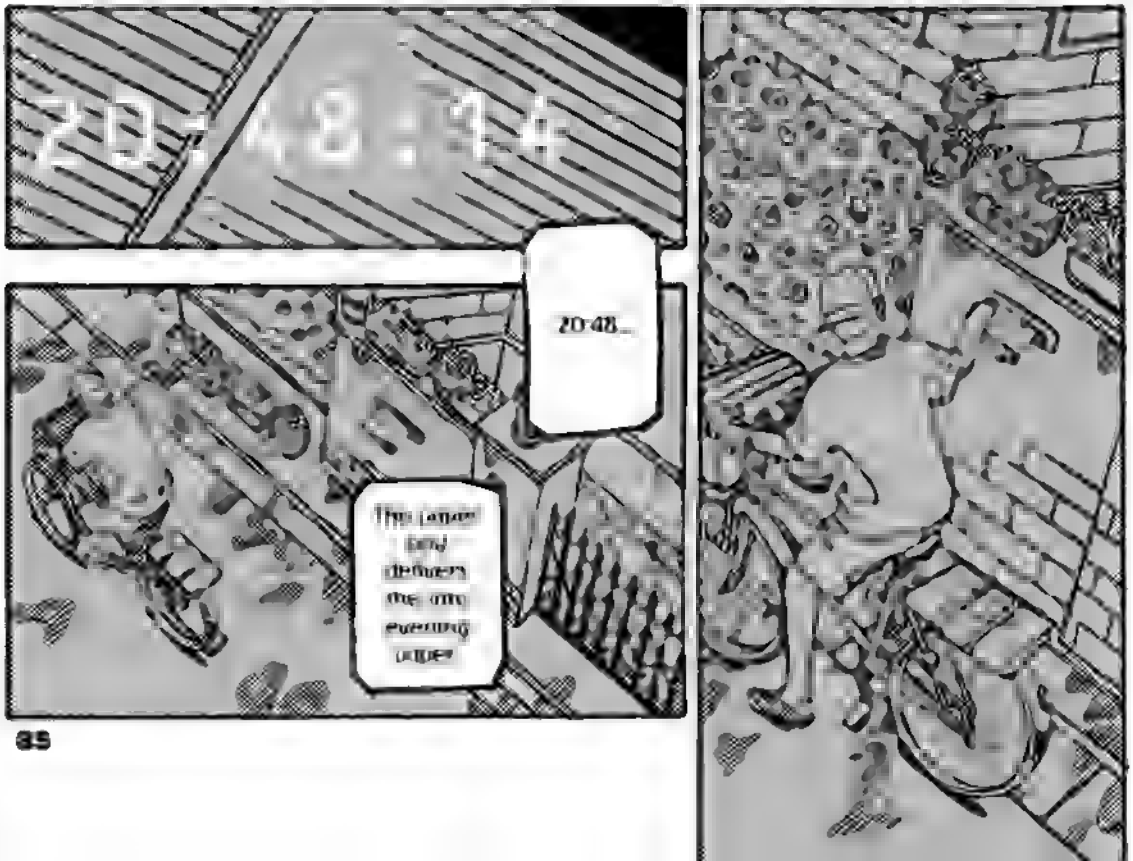


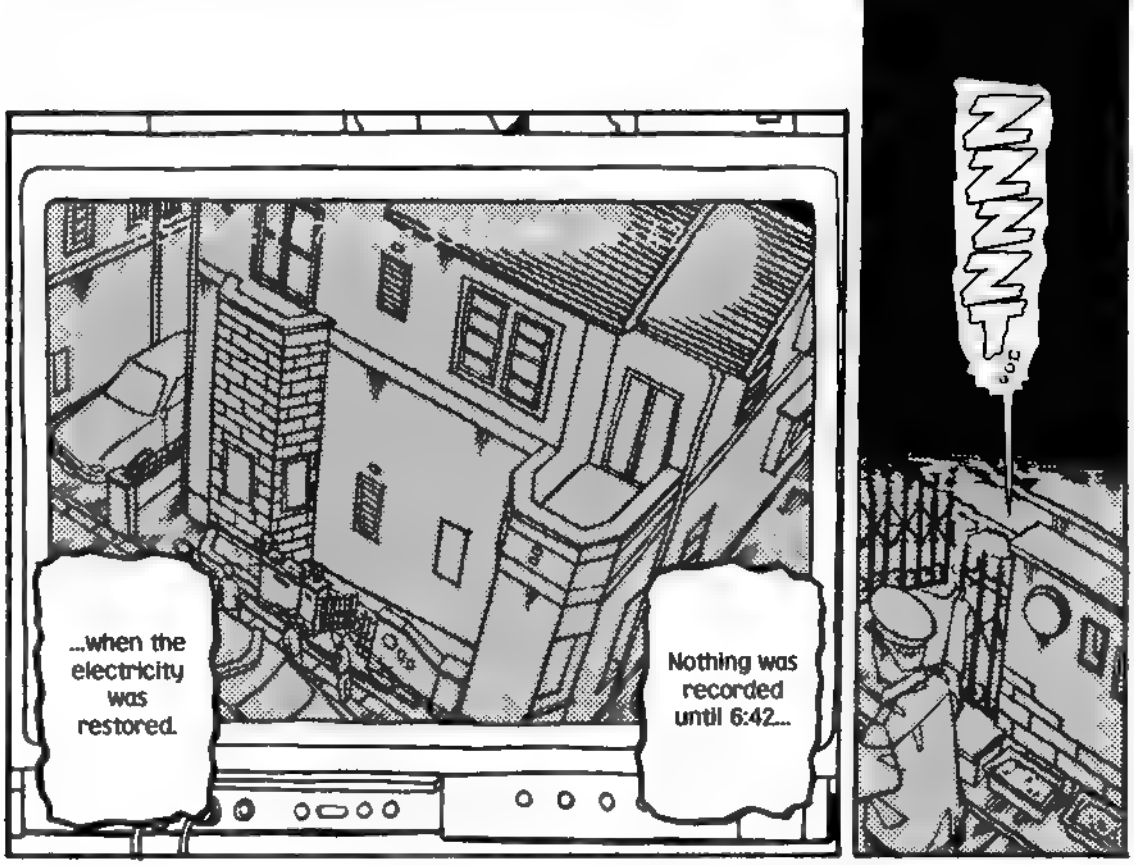
Oh, what a surprising turn of the evening today!
ZOSU...
Goes nice today.
[Exposed]
And now
The time of the accident
13:20:58:02

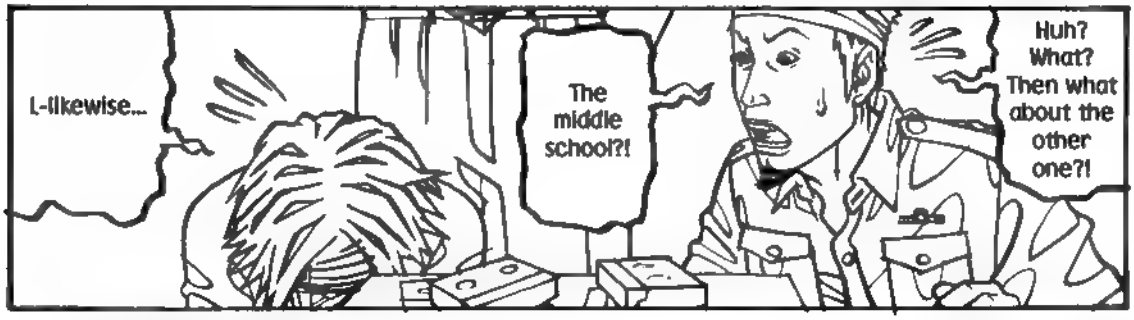
55:43
The numbers appear
20:59:02
20:59:02

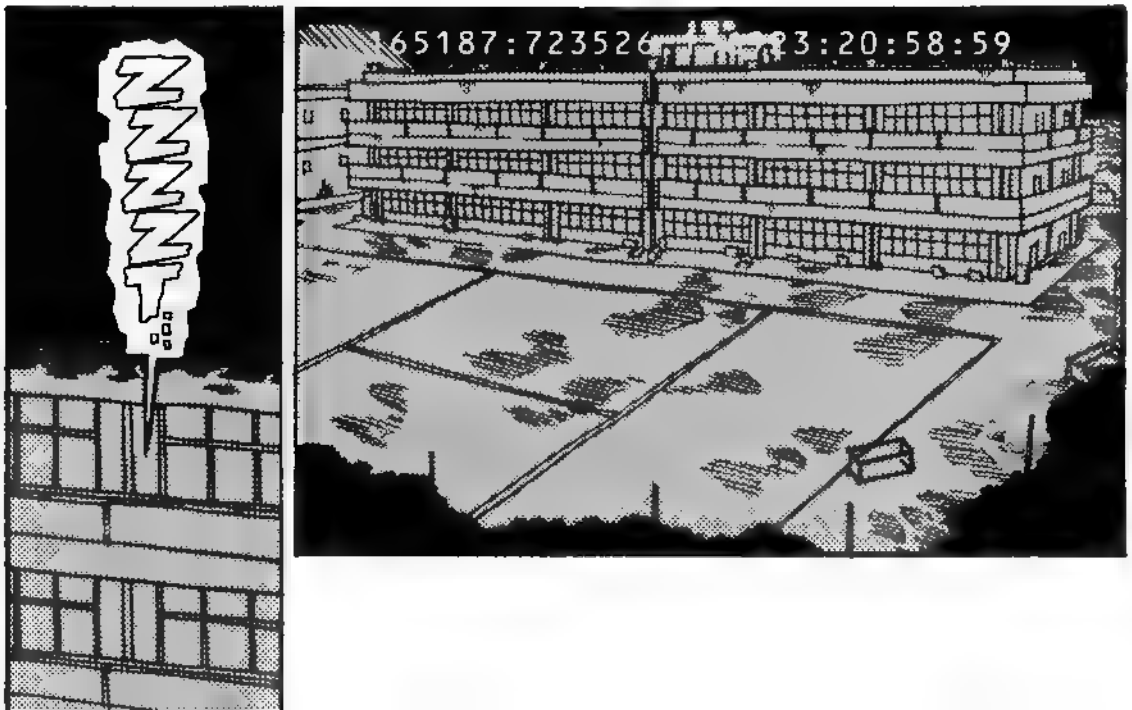
It?

ZZZZT

Huh?
U-umm...
i-it appears as though... The blackout caused all the cameras to cease function...
Huh?
...
I didn't do anything!


...when the electricity was restored.
Nothing was recorded until 6:42...
ZZZZT


I-likewise...
The middle school?!
Huh? What? Then what about the other one?!


ZZZZT
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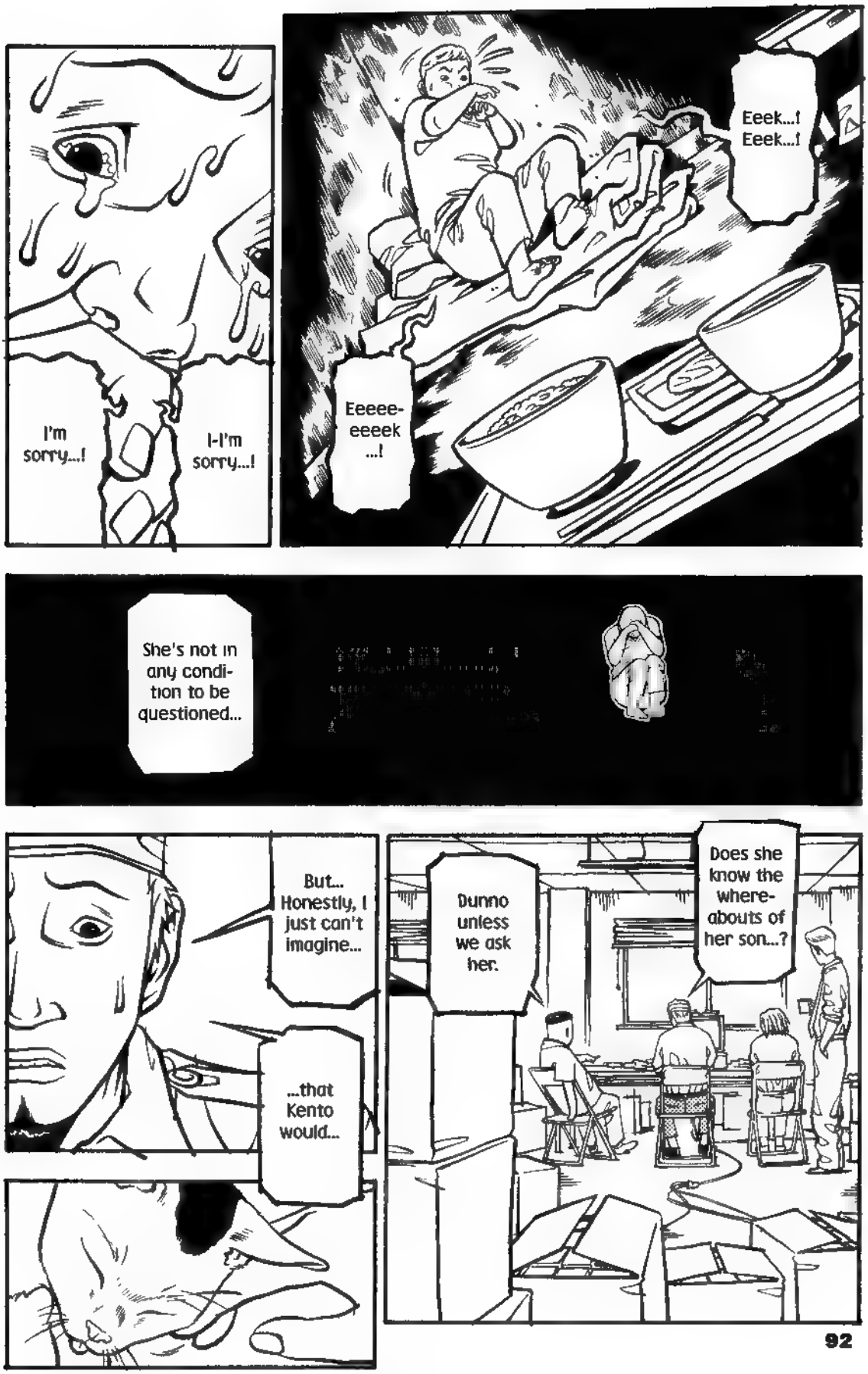
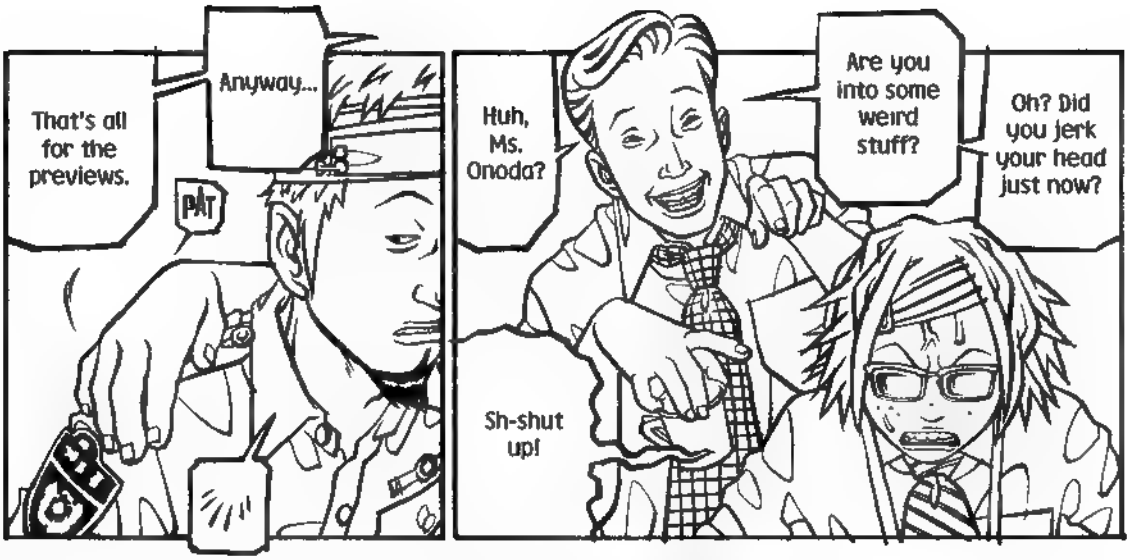
3:20:58:59

...the "salt mountain" was already...
When the cameras started working again in the morning...
Which means...
...the council president didn't know what happened that night, either.
Well, it should've been obvious. It was a blackout, after all.
Whaaaaaat?! Are you seriousssss ?!
...
Well, about that...
Why did Mrs. Miyahara kill him...?
So the question is...
We-

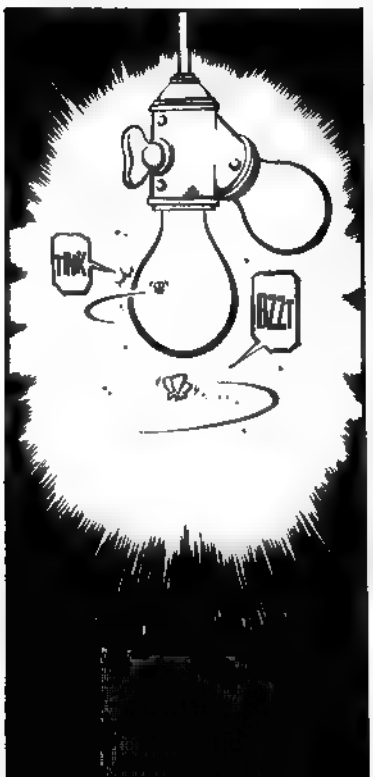
CLACK

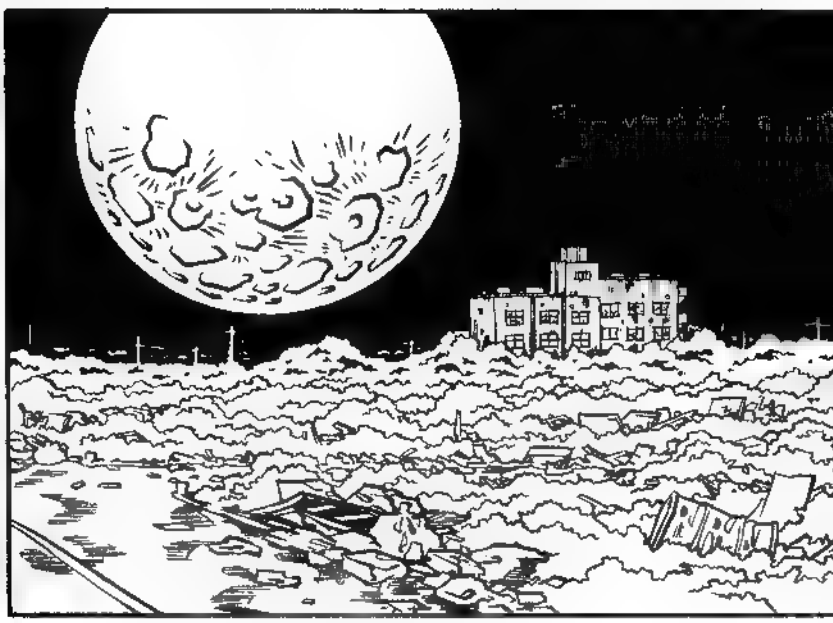

I'm sorry...!
I-I'm sorry...!
Eeek...! Eeek...!
Eeeee-eeeek ...!
She's not in any condition to be questioned...
But... Honestly, I just can't imagine...
...that Kento would...
Dunno unless we ask her.
Does she know the whereabouts of her son...?

He didn't have very many friends.
I saw him alone most of the time...
I only thought of him as a shy and incon-spicuous teenager...
No one shows their true colors 'til they've locked the door to their own room!
Look, what've I told you about looks deceiving?!
Maybe because he lost his father at an early age...
It seemed like he was very attached to his mother...
Who knows what *this* ugly bitch is doing when she's by herself.
UH


That's all for the previews.
Anyway...
PAT
Huh, Ms. Onoda?
Are you into some weird stuff?
Oh? Did you jerk your head just now?
Sh-shut up!

Huh?
This stuff is even more interesting.
And it's all caught on tape, ya know?!


TINK
FIZZT



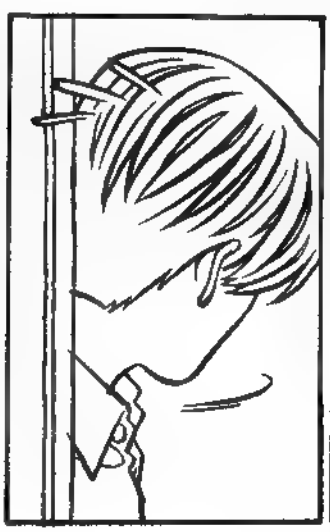
THUK
THUK
It's all my fault...
It's my fault...
KLIK
KLIK
Everyone around me... Is becoming tainted because of me...
All because... I'm so tainted...

...taint this entire world...
I'm probably going to...

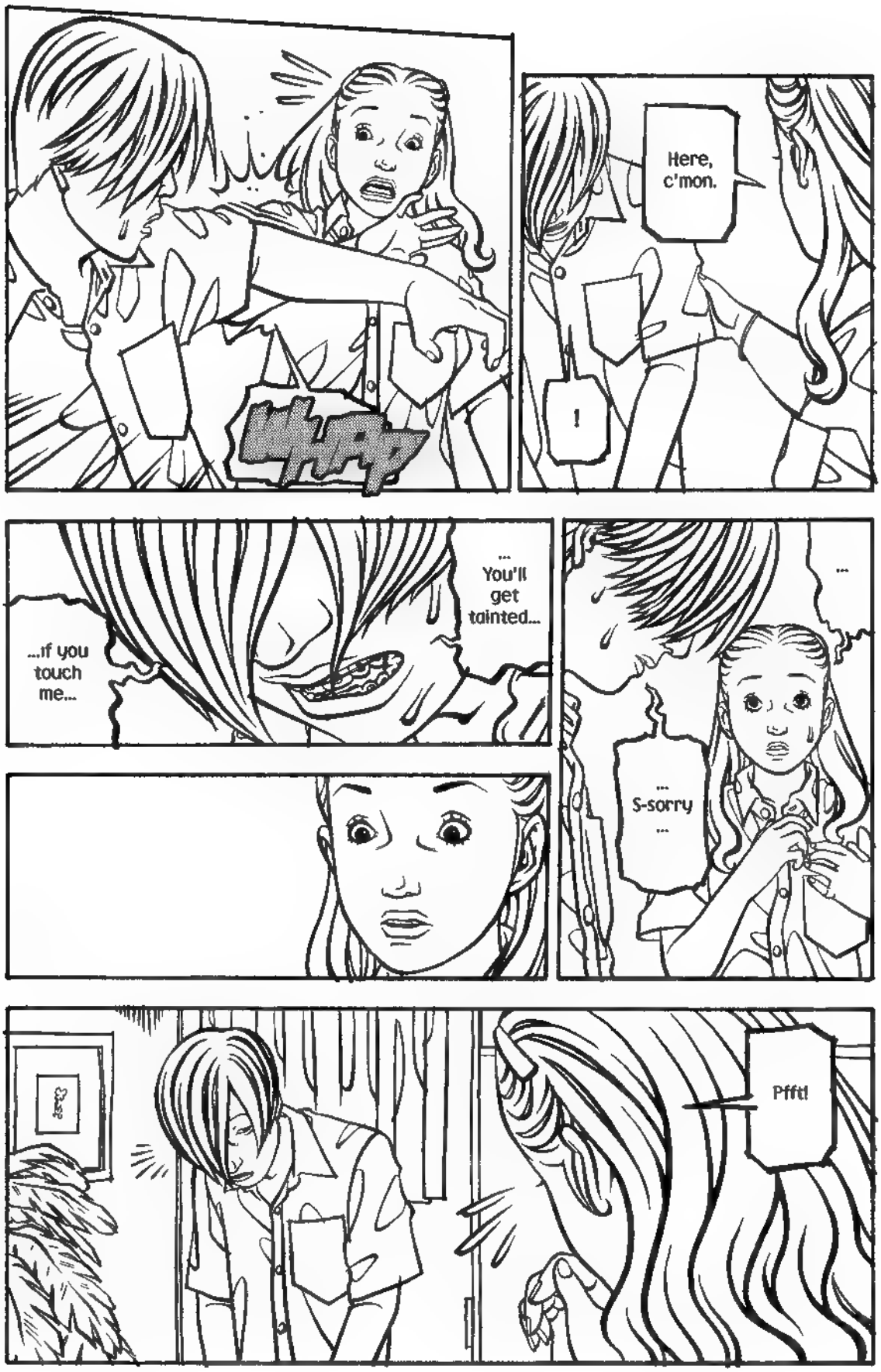
!

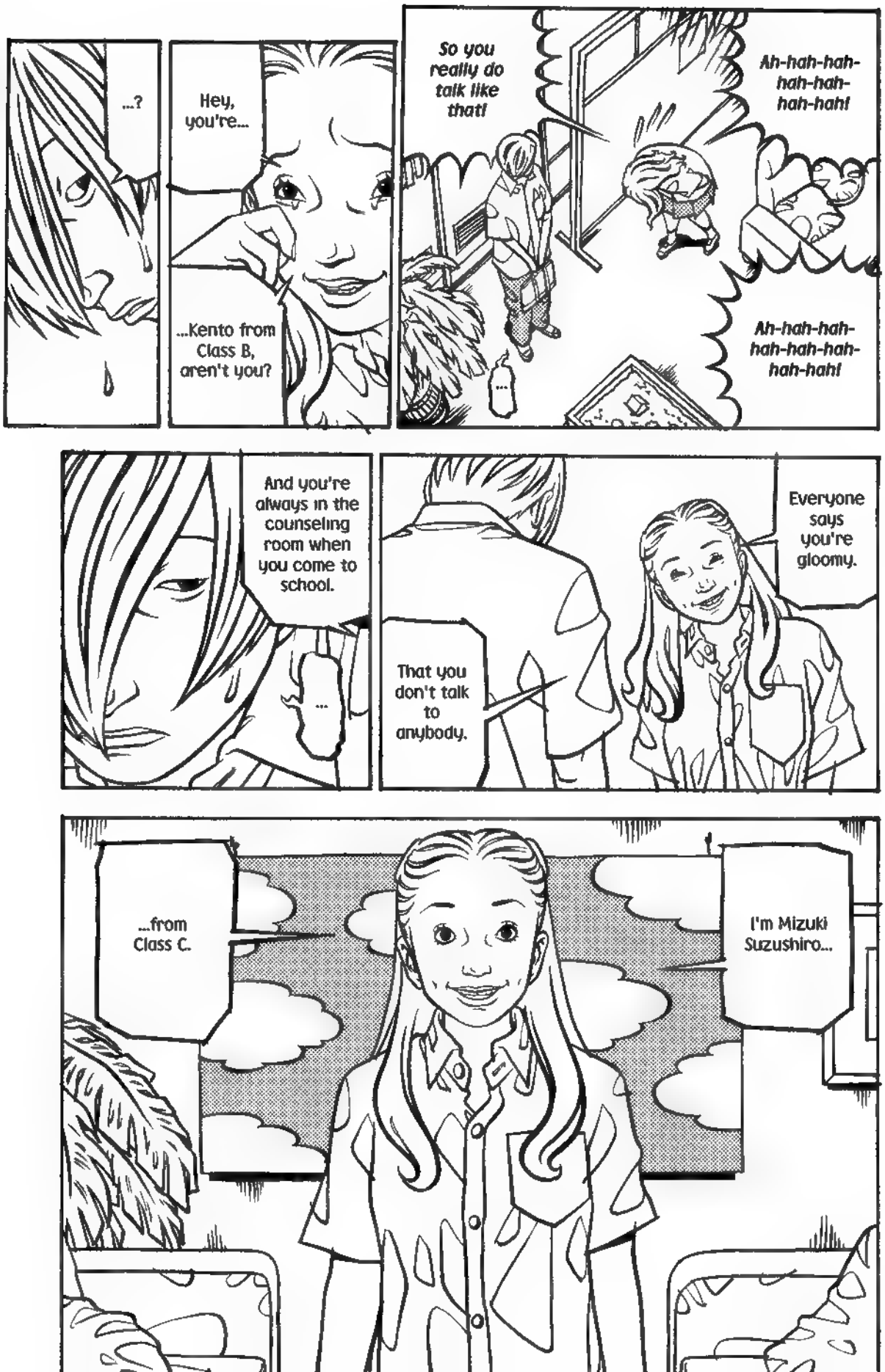
SLIDE

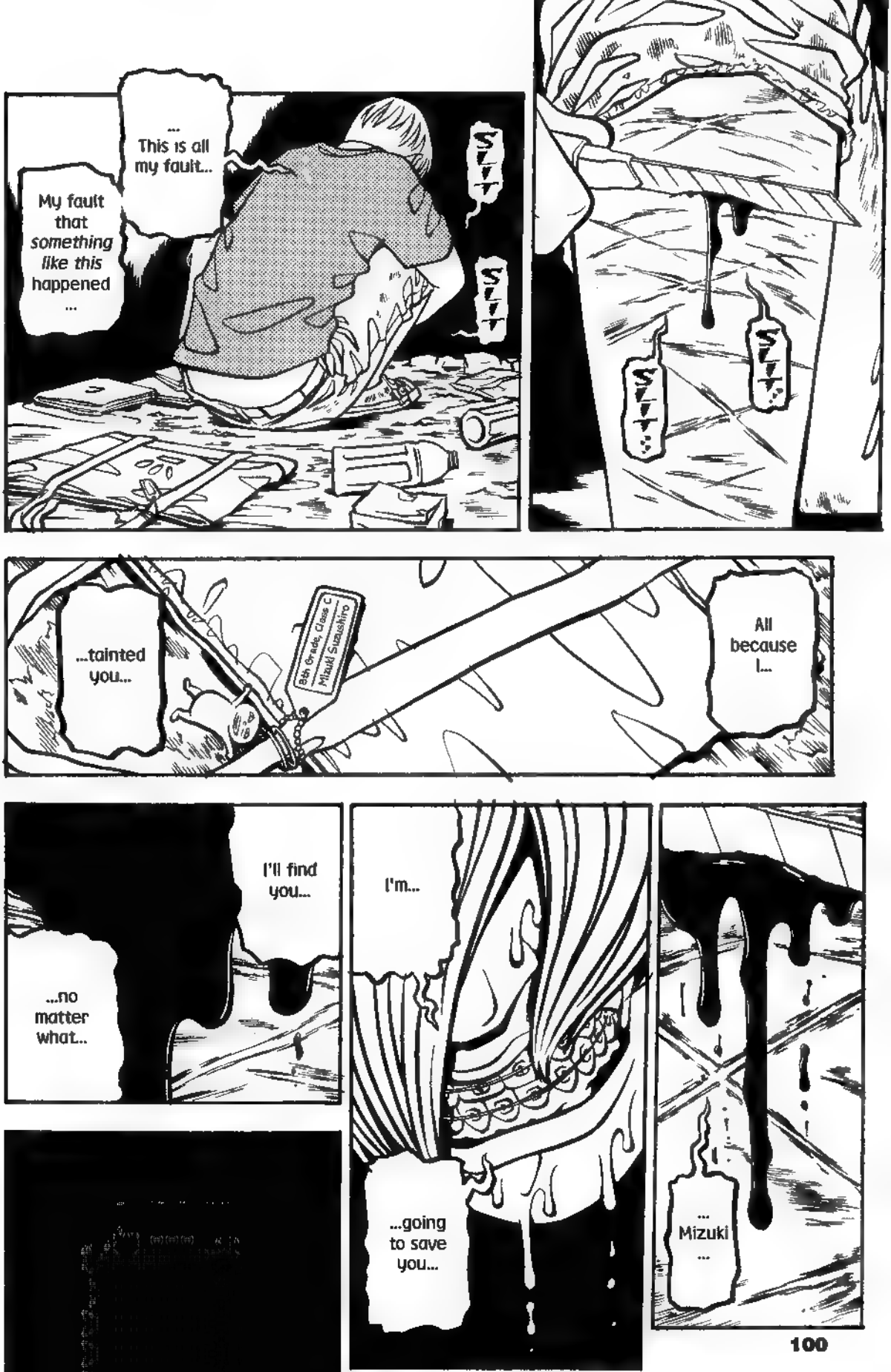
Ms. Kosaka's coming back soon.



I just need to hand this to her.
Why don't you go wait inside?
You're here for counseling, aren't you?
Why don't you sit down?
Hey, why're you standing in the corner?
...
...


Here, c'mon.
!
...
You'll get tainted...
...if you touch me...
...
...
S-sorry
...
Pfft!


...?
Hey, you're...
...Kento from Class B, aren't you?
So you really do talk like that!
Ah-hah-hah-hah-hah-hah!
Ah-hah-hah-hah-hah-hah-hah-hah!
...
And you're always in the counseling room when you come to school.
...
That you don't talk to anybody.
Everyone says you're gloomy.
...from Class C.
I'm Mizuki Suzushiro...


...
This is all my fault...
My fault that *something like this* happened ...
SLIT
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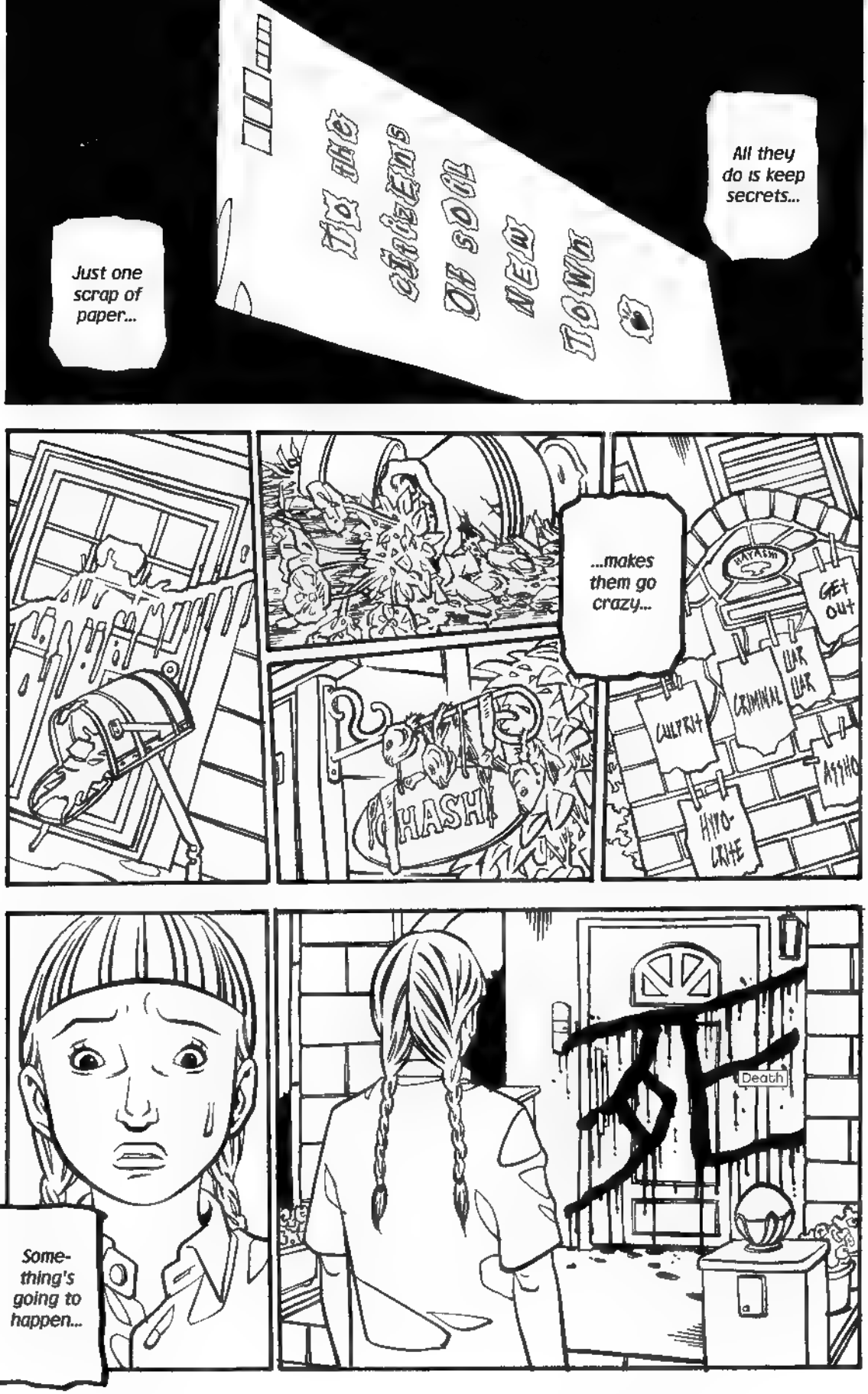
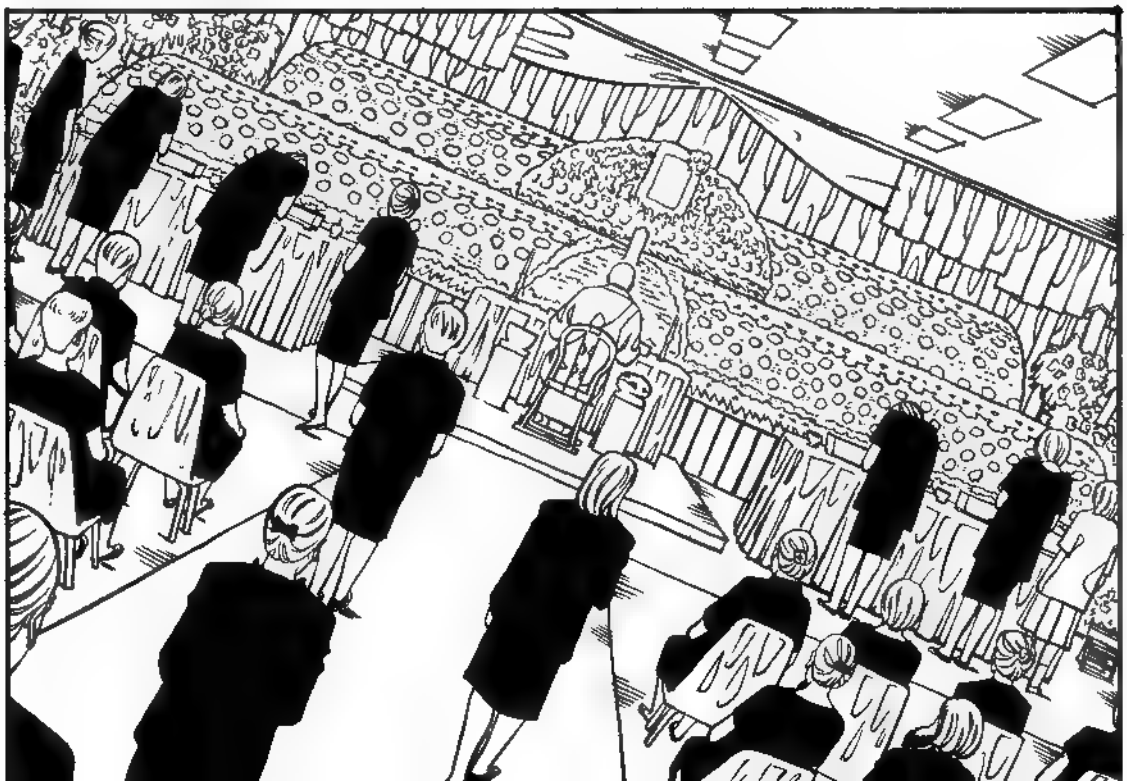
8th Grade, Class C
Mizuki Suzushiro
...tainted you...
All because I...
I'll find you...
...no matter what...
I'm...
...going to save you...
...
Mizuki
...


Just one scrap of paper...
All they do is keep secrets...
...makes them go crazy...
Something's going to happen...
Death

They won't be able to act like innocent bystanders anymore...
Just keep walking!
Come!
It won't be long...
...before I find out...
...from me.
...who took you...
The people from the town will open their mouths...

Every secret will come to light...



My children are terrified after what happened to the Suzushiros too...
How terrible... A murder, in our town...
I heard the council president doesn't have any relatives...
What? Then *this* is coming out of the council fund?
But why would Mrs. Miyahara kill the council president...?
Yes, Mrs. Miyahara ...
Why did she...?
I heard he's staying in Nagano, but...
He probably won't be...
Yeah...
Was Kento her son's name...?
I feel sorry for him. Having a murderer for a mother...

...the nerve to show her face...
Wait a second!
Hey!
Everyone knows what you were doing...
You're one to talk...
Nasty...? Really?
...
What does that mean?!
... Yes?
You're the ones making those nasty phone calls everyday!
Don't play dumb... I know it's you people!

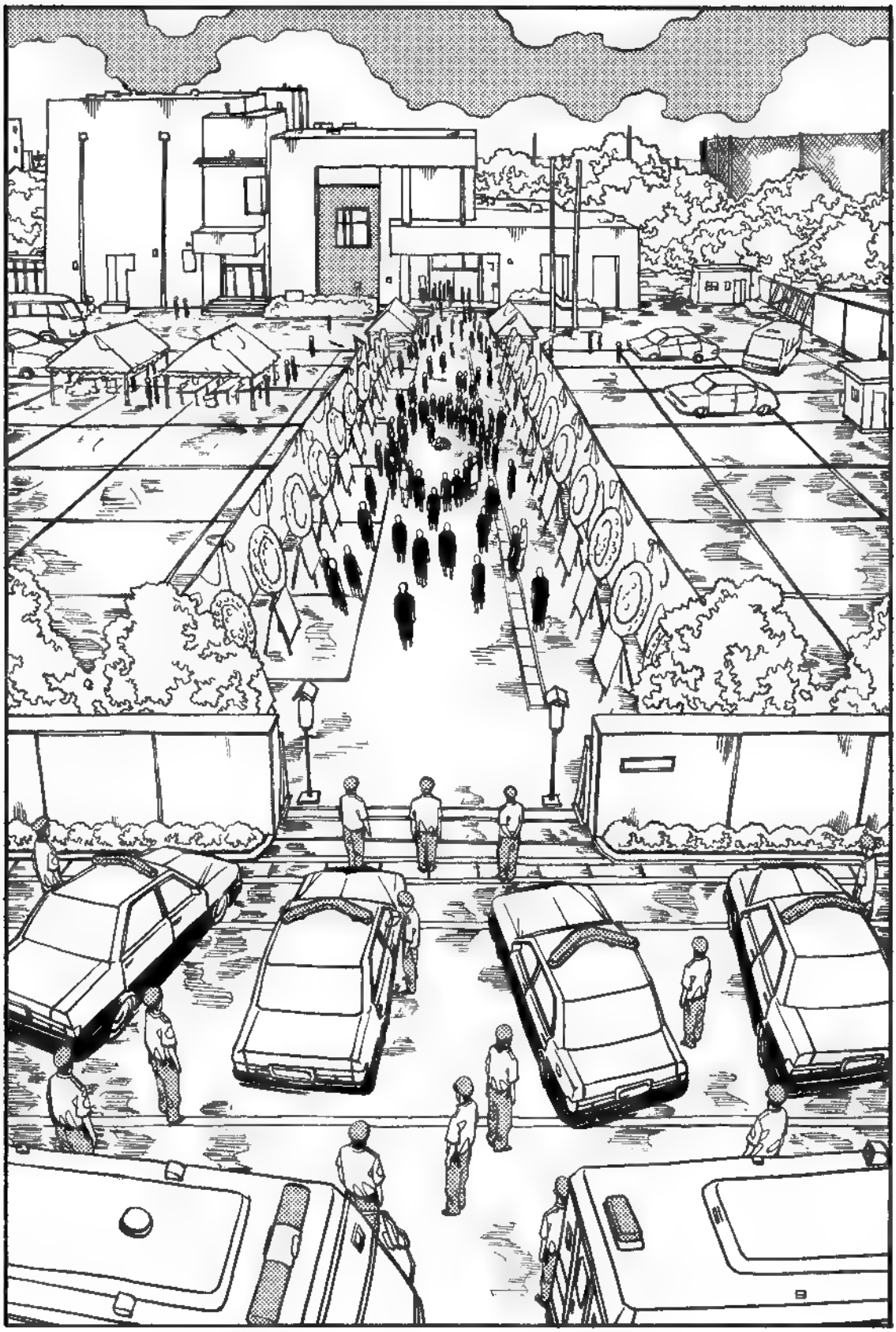
What did you do to the Suzushiros...?

Don't you dare pretend like you're innocent!
Then what about you?!
Ahhh!

And a kid napping in the end... Dear, dear...

What are you talking about?! It's your fault that my kids are suffering!
Stop it! Not in front of the children!
You hated the Suzushiros too, didn't you?!
You did horrible things because you wanted to get rid of them, didn't you?!
Don't pretend like you weren't involved!

Wasn't everyone doing it?!
Everyone here is the same!



SOIL
Block 1-11 [End]

SOIL
Block 1-12 [Business]

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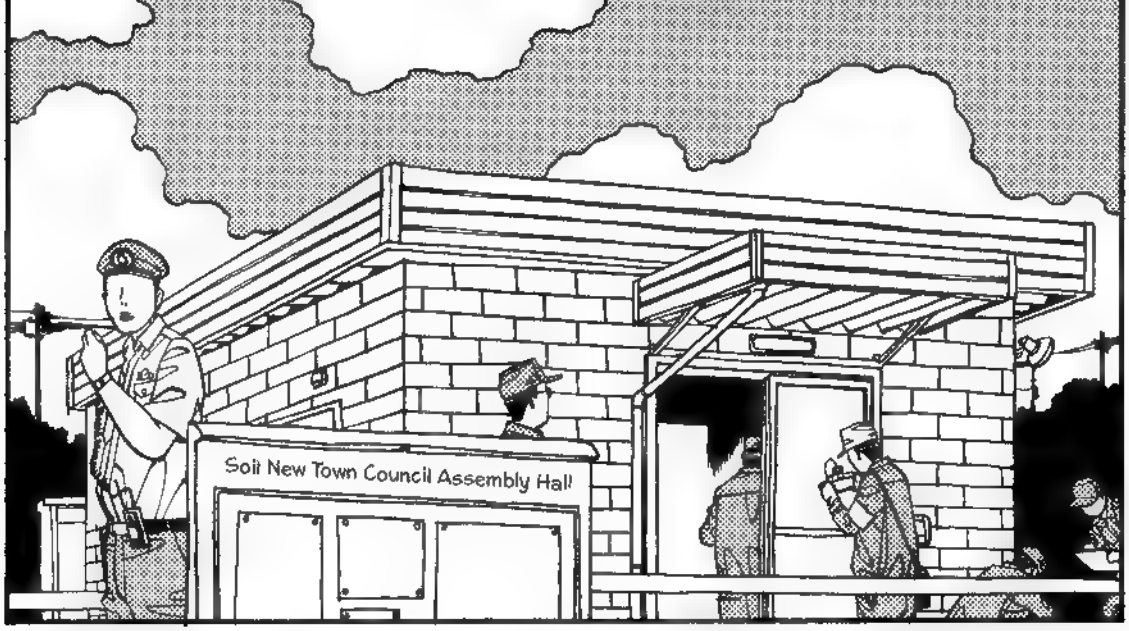
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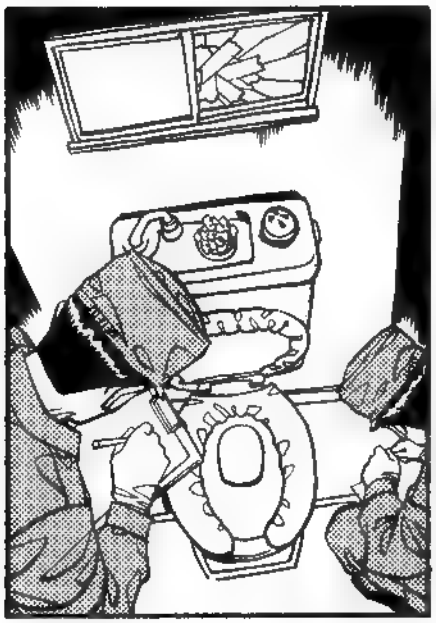
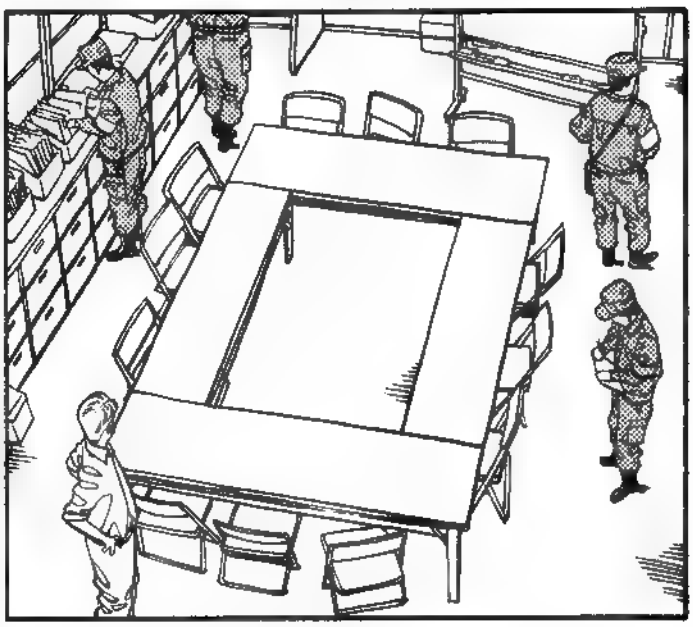
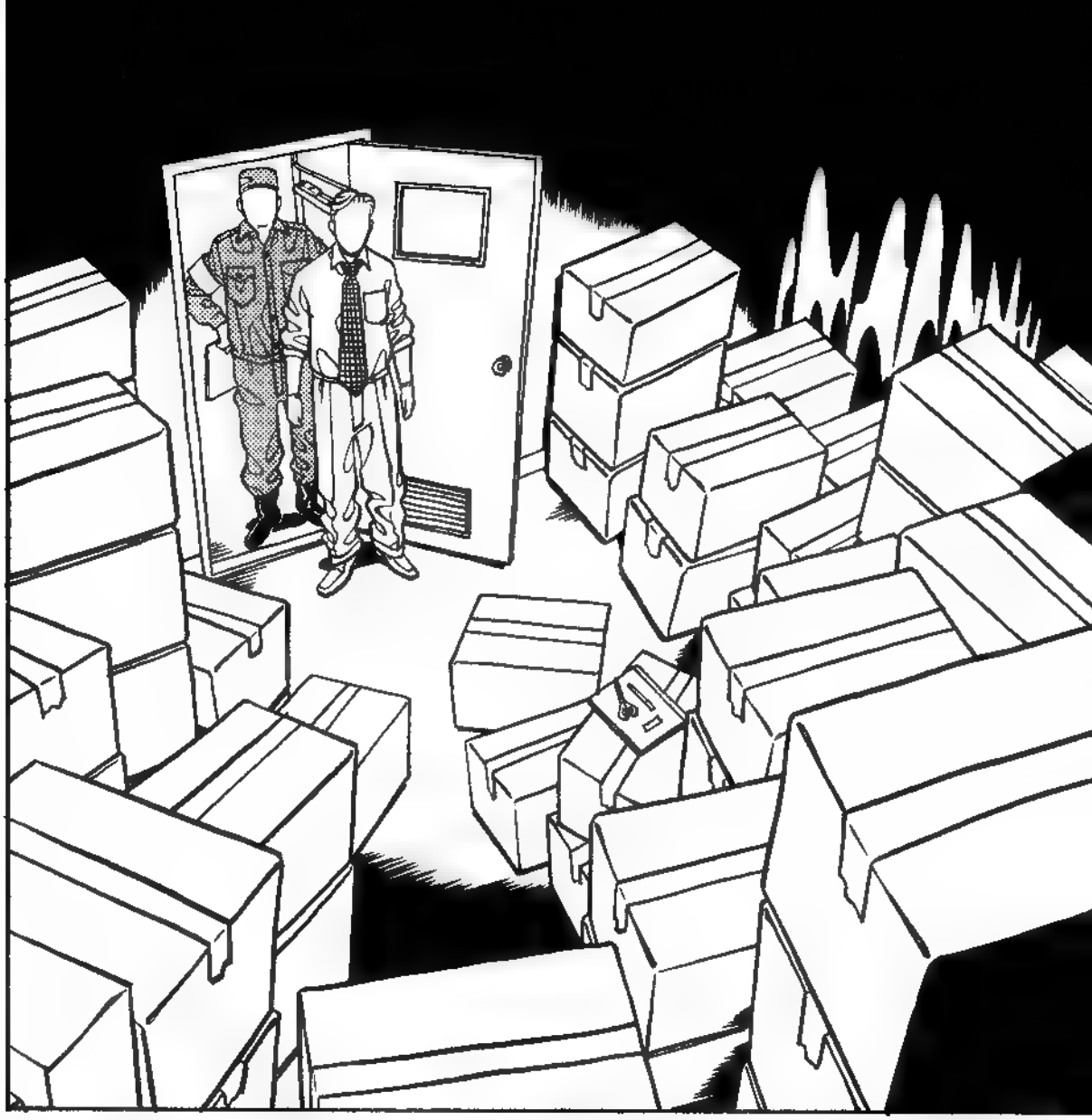
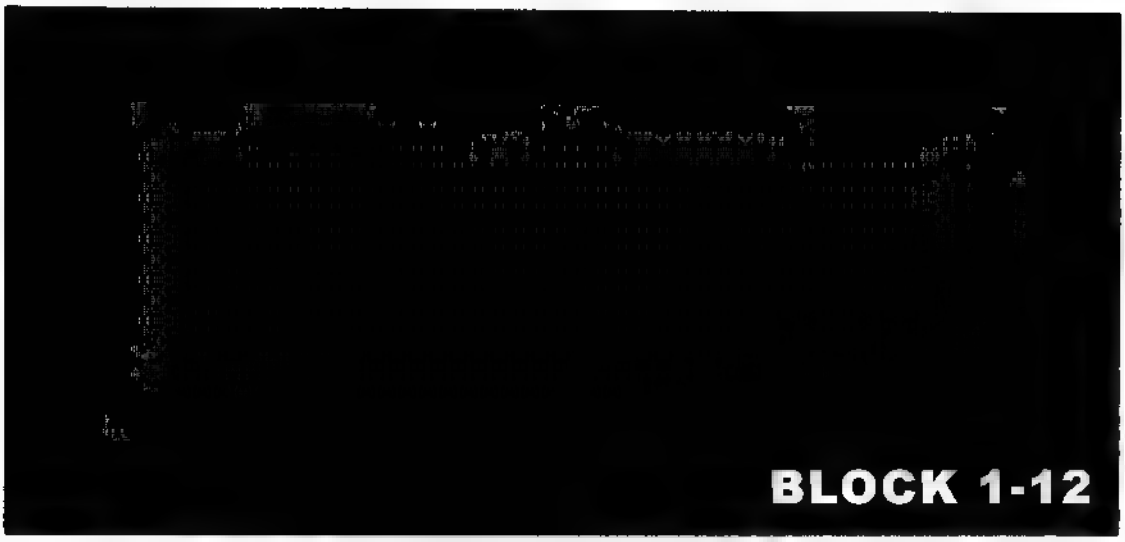
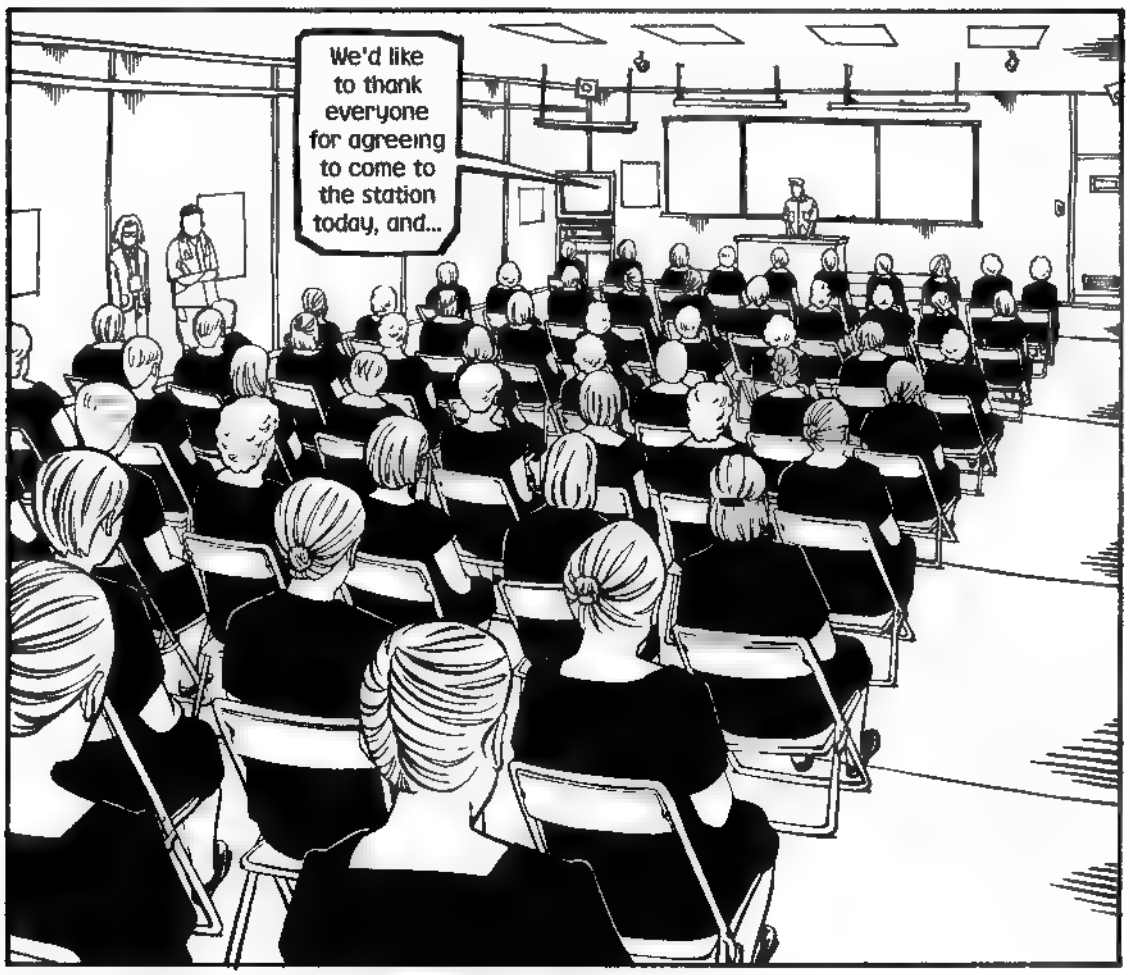







BLOCK 1-12

Uhh... Hello, citizens of "Soil New Town..."
KAMIKAWA POLICE STATION


We'd like to thank everyone for agreeing to come to the station today, and...

What do you want from us?!
What's the meaning of this?! Why are we all crammed in here?!
Hey! Mr. Katakuri!
The entire town was watching us!
That's right! Our children were there, too!
And during a funeral, too. How disrespectful...
We know!
That's why we're here!
Are the police allowed to do anything they want?!
Well... You did agree to come with us, so...
This is tyrannical!

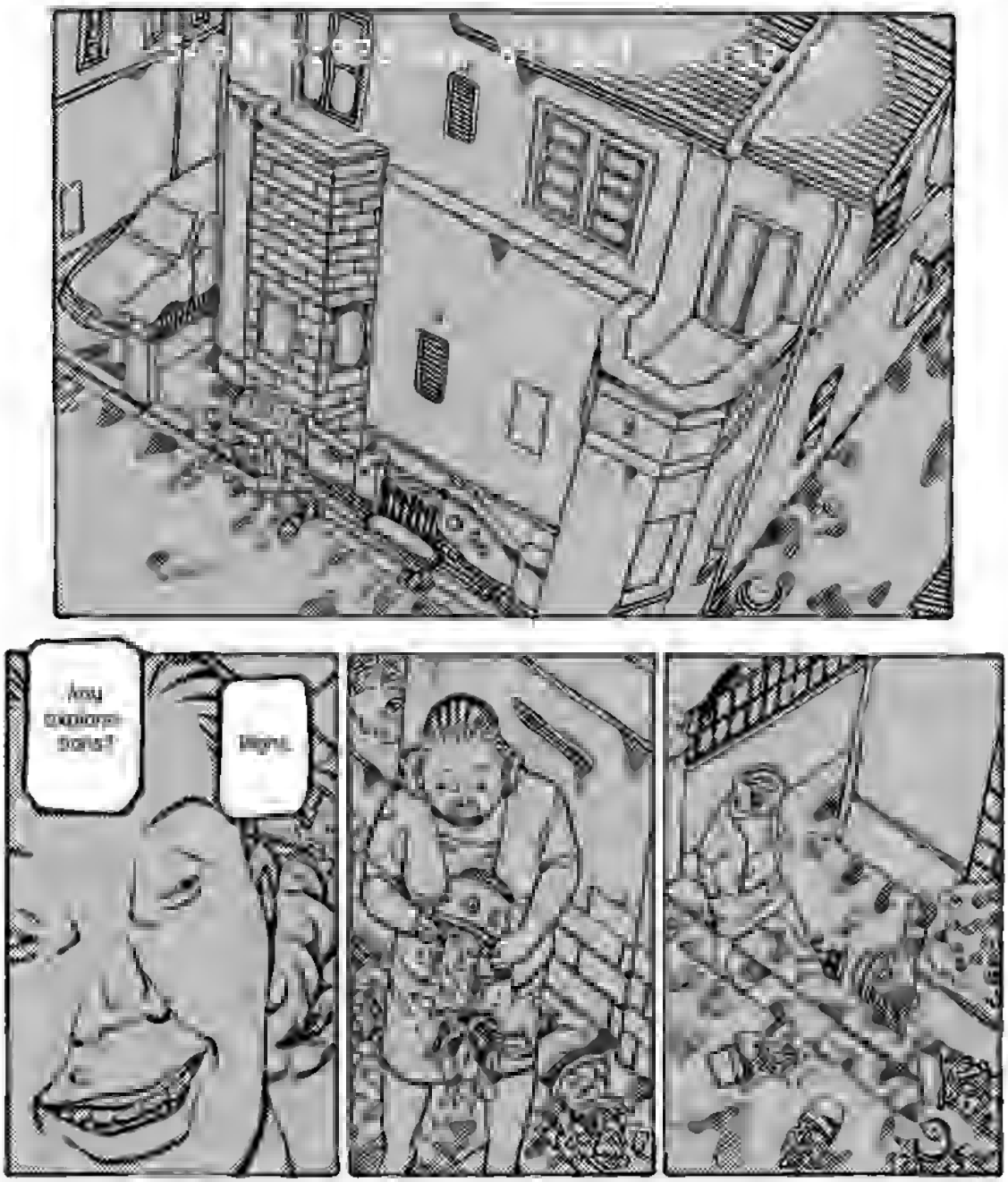
That's exactly what we were going for.
Stoooo-pid!
Yes...
Besides, if we refused, who knows what people would say behind our backs...

...

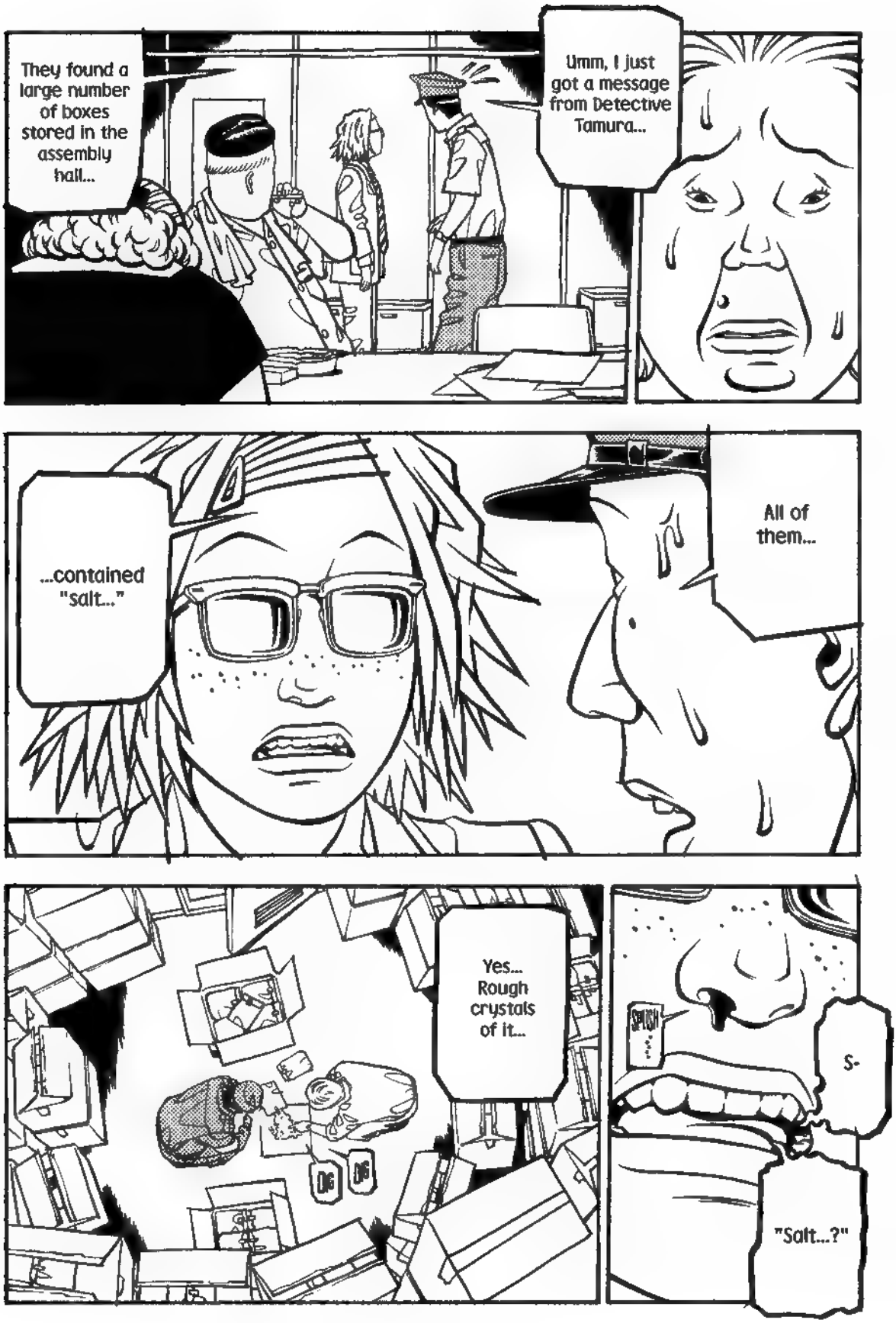
...where we'll be hearing from each of you individually.
So, uhhh... We have a separate room...

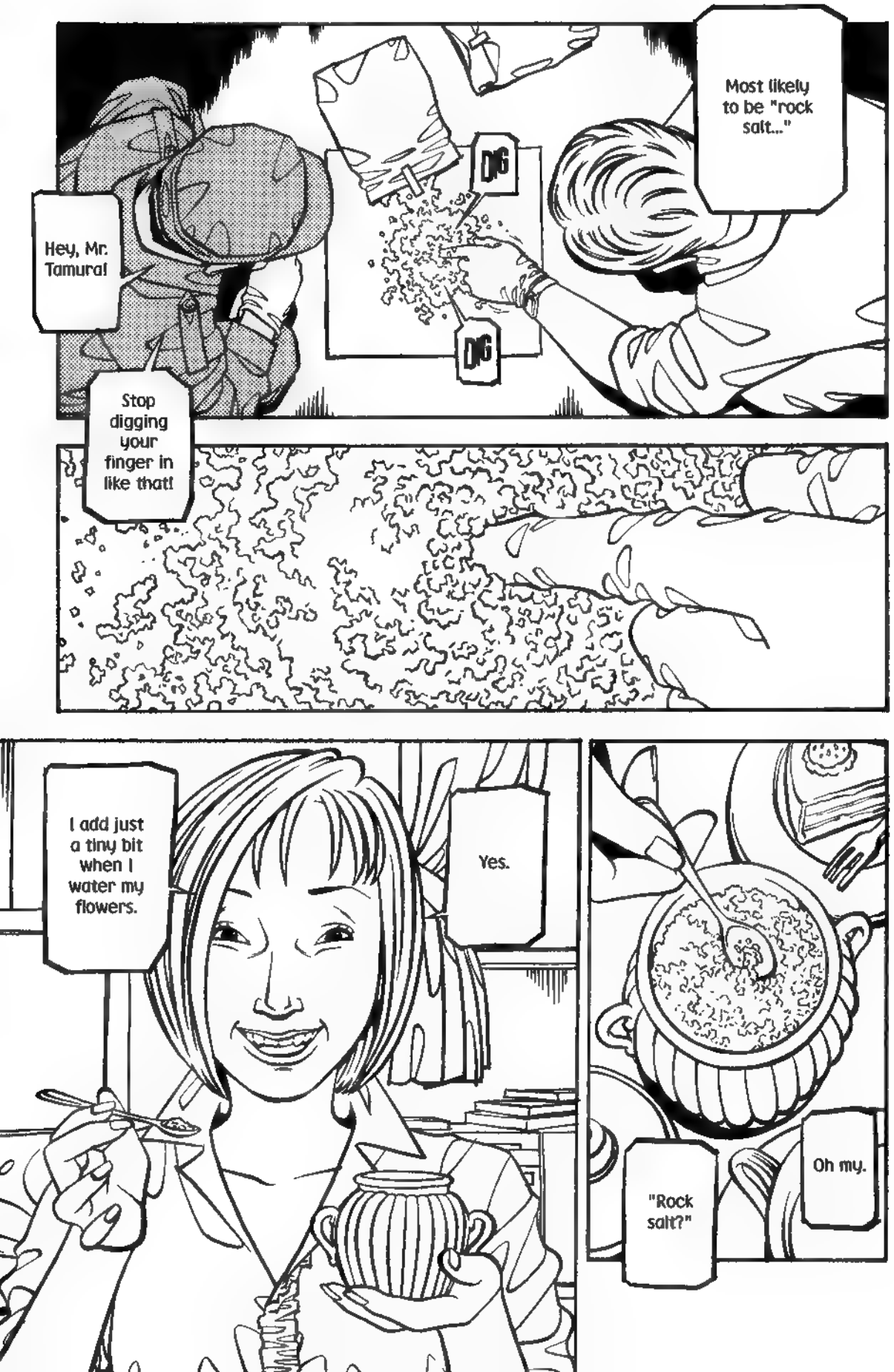
Just be grateful that you didn't get hand-cuffed!
You guys won't stop bitchin' around, so we're gonna take care of you all at once!
...
...
...

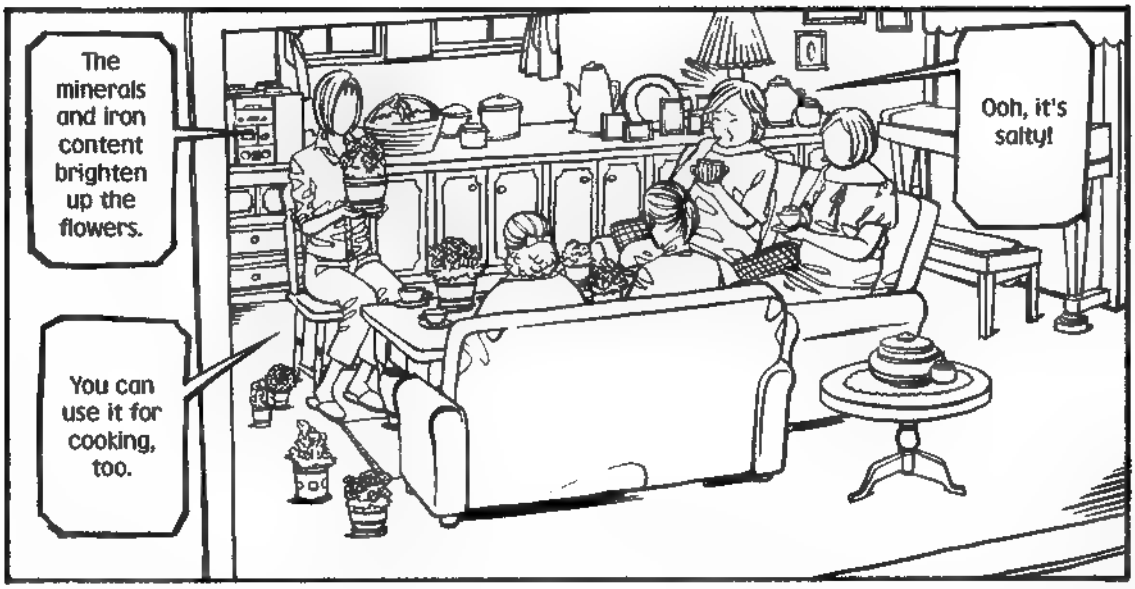
[Business]

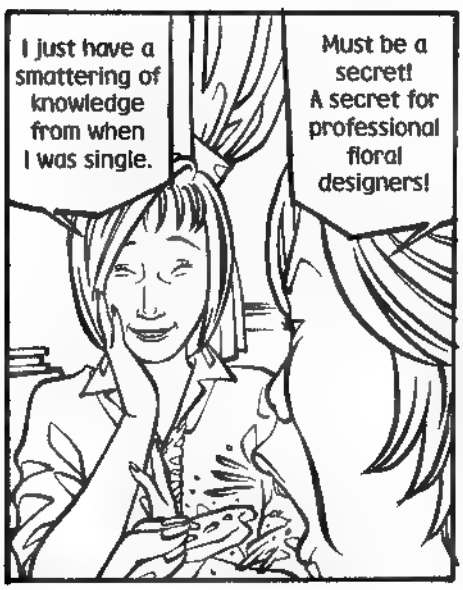


This puts you on the suspect list for sure, doesn't it...
HEH HEH
Like, "That's my evil twin sister," or something.
...
You better fess up to everything you did. Tell us everything you know.
FUCK
...
Want me to go write up the warrant for your arrest right now?
Excuse me, sir!
...
Mr. Yokoi's really on a roll today, huh?
He loves nagging and forcing people to confess like this.

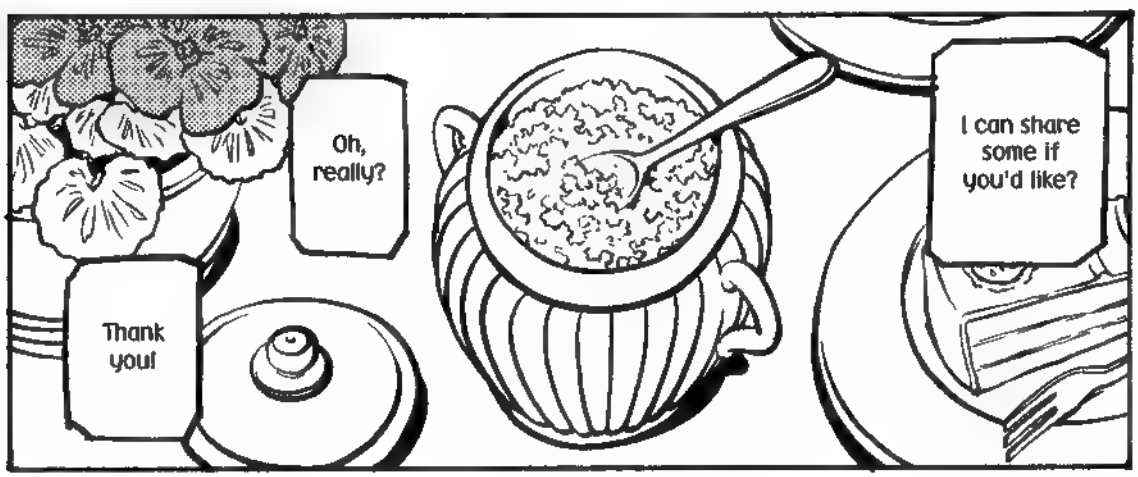

They found a large number of boxes stored in the assembly hall...
Umm, I just got a message from Detective Tamura...
...contained "salt..."
All of them...
Yes... Rough crystals of it...
SPLISH
S-
"Salt...?"

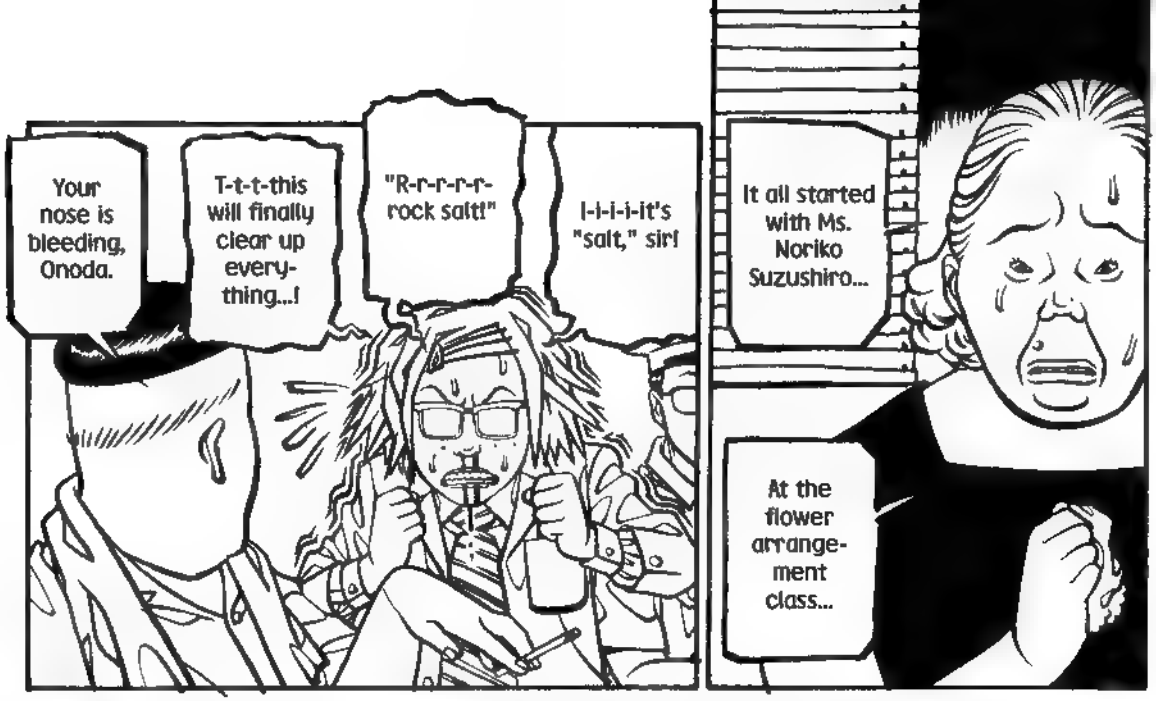

Most likely to be "rock salt..."
DIG
DIG
Hey, Mr. Tamura!
Stop digging your finger in like that!
I add just a tiny bit when I water my flowers.
Yes.
"Rock salt?"
Oh my.

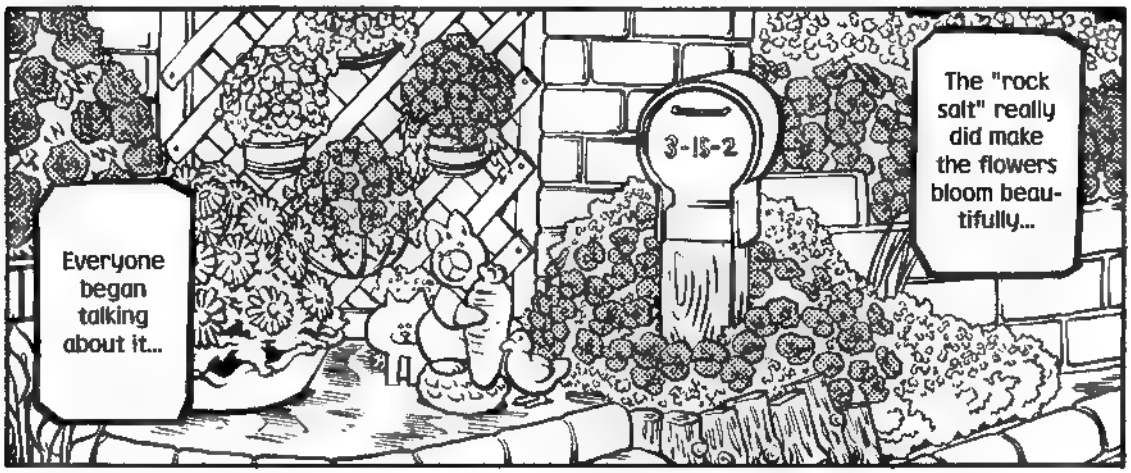

The minerals and iron content brighten up the flowers.
You can use it for cooking, too.
Ooh, it's salty!


I just have a smattering of knowledge from when I was single.
Must be a secret! A secret for professional floral designers!

Do you import it on your own?
Now that explains it. Your flowers just look completely different.
This is so good to know.


Oh, really?
I can share some if you'd like?
Thank you!


Your nose is bleeding, Onoda.
T-t-t-this will finally clear up everything...!
"R-r-r-r-r-rock salt!"
I-i-i-i-it's "salt," sir!
It all started with Ms. Noriko Suzushiro...
At the flower arrangement class...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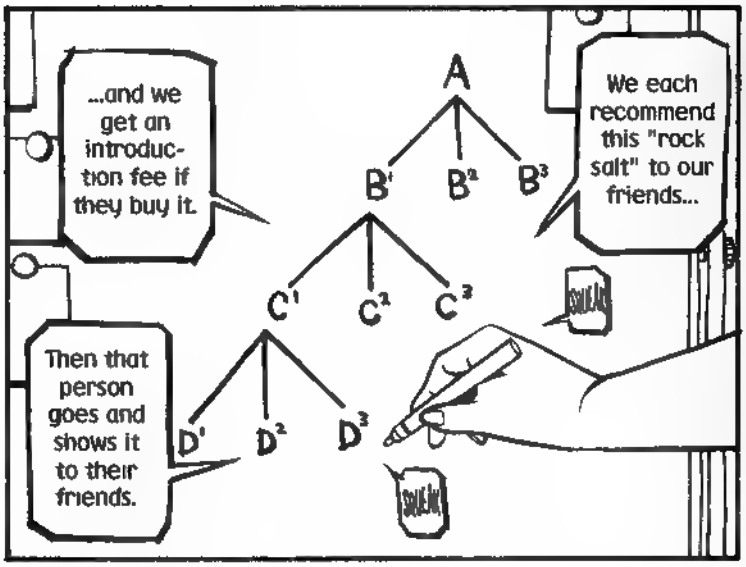
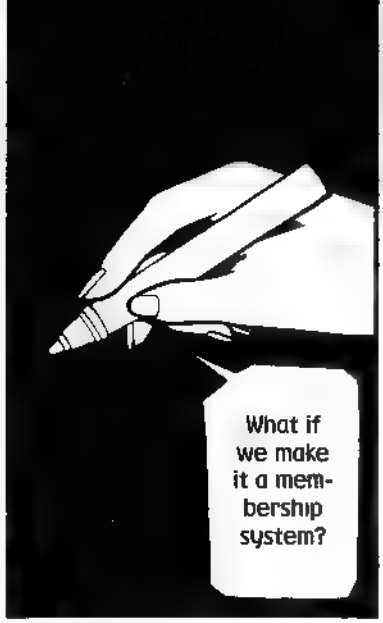
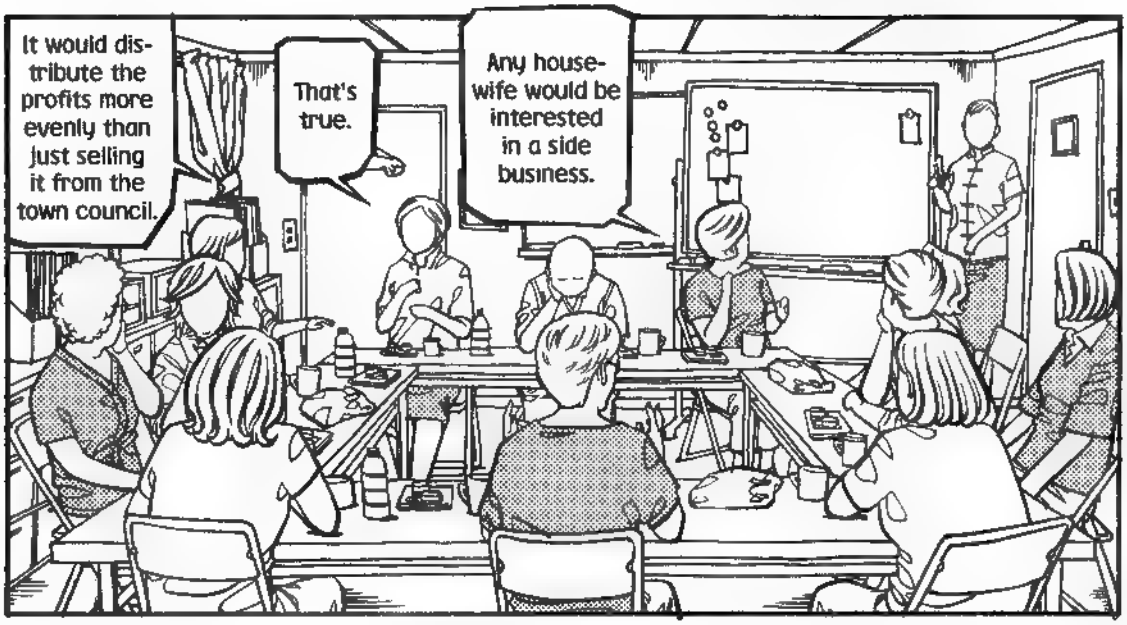
Everyone began talking about it...
The "rock salt" really did make the flowers bloom beautifully...

"Business...?"
...of turning it into a "business."
So the town council came up with the idea...


...and we get an introduction fee if they buy it.
A
B1 B2 B3
C1 C2 C3
D1 D2 D3
We each recommend this "rock salt" to our friends...
Then that person goes and shows it to their friends.


What if we make it a membership system?


It would distribute the profits more evenly than just selling it from the town council.
That's true.
Any housewife would be interested in a side business.

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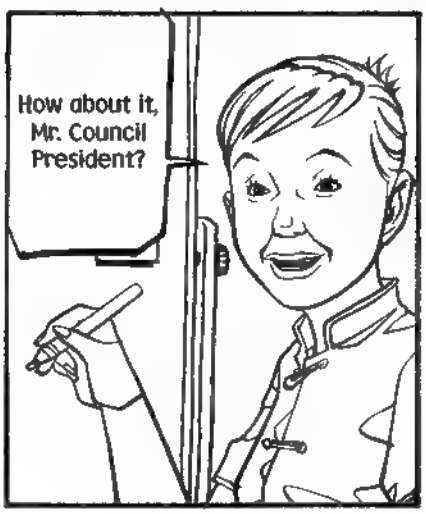
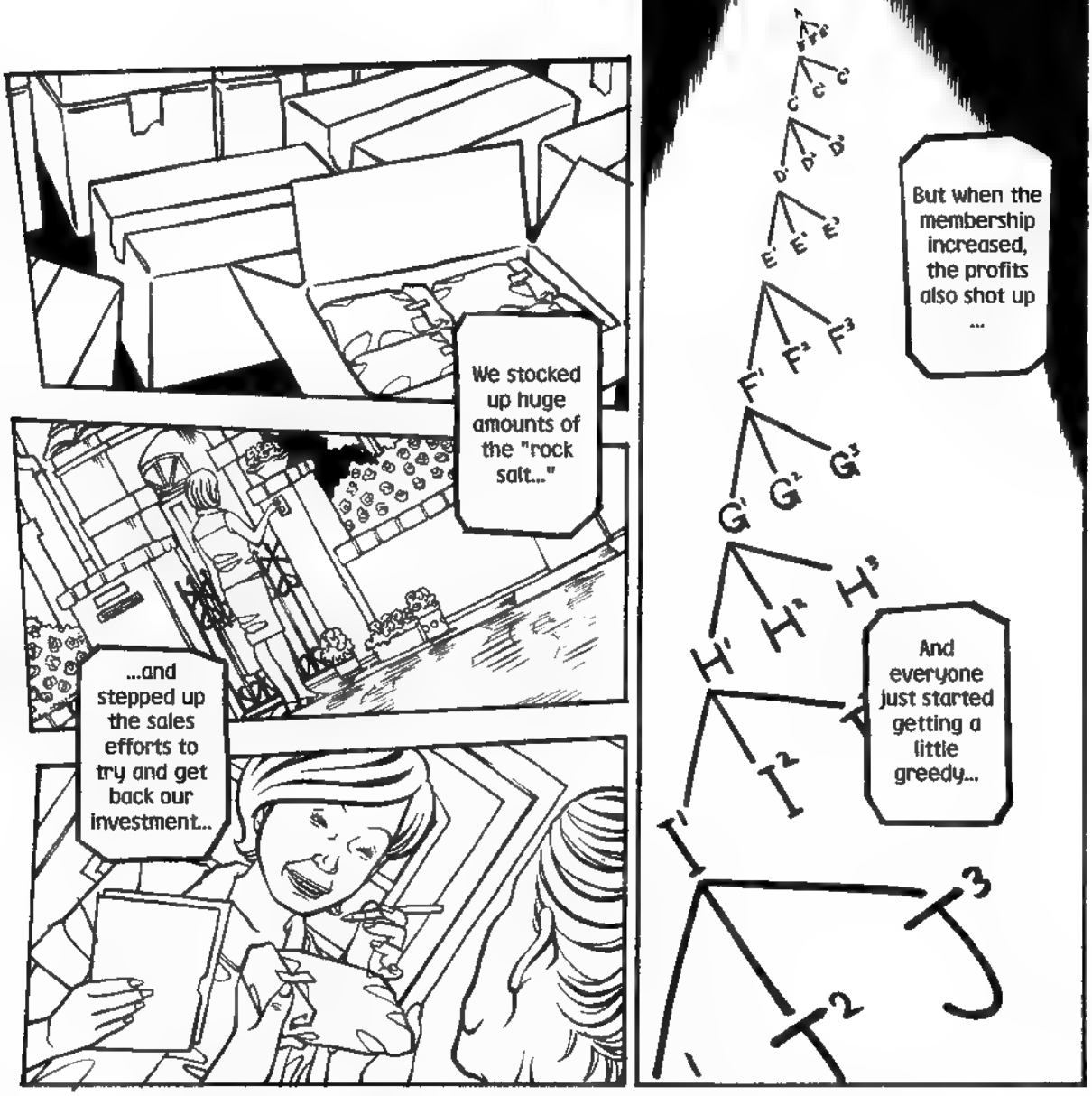
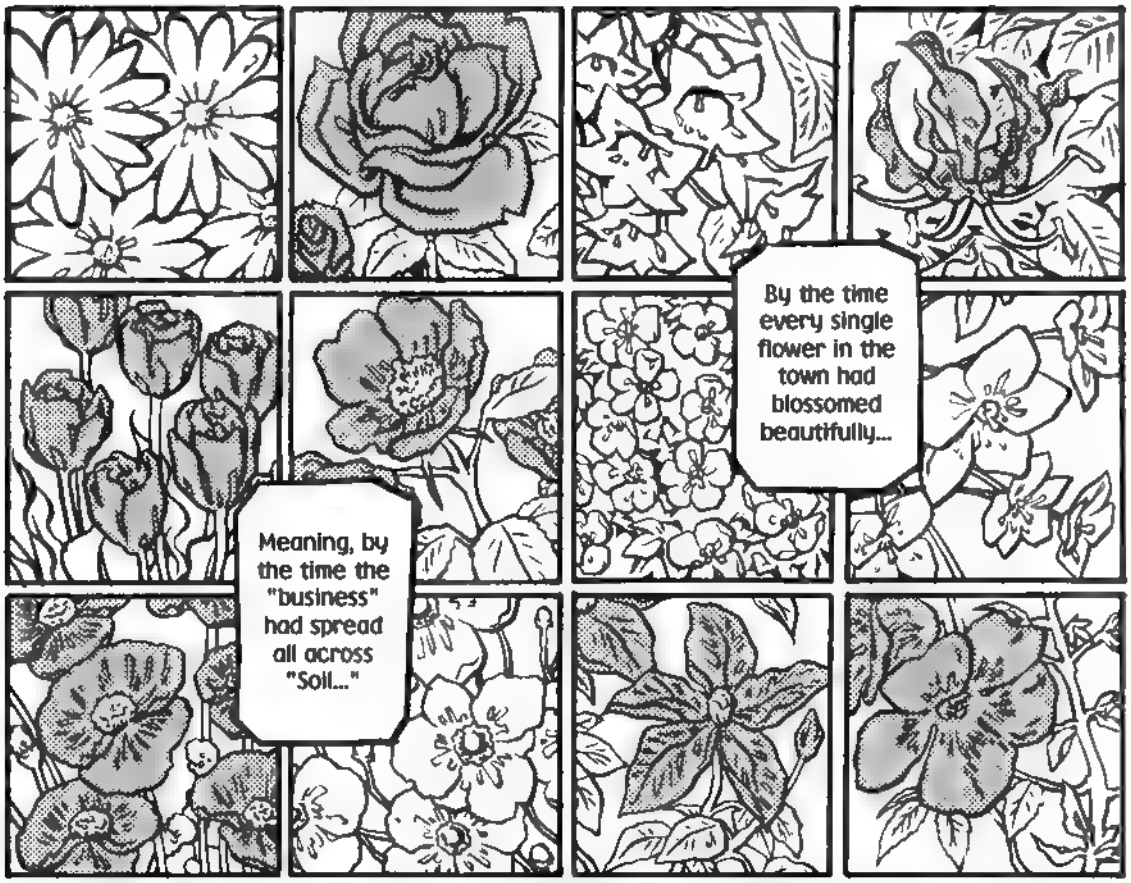

How about it, Mr. Council President?

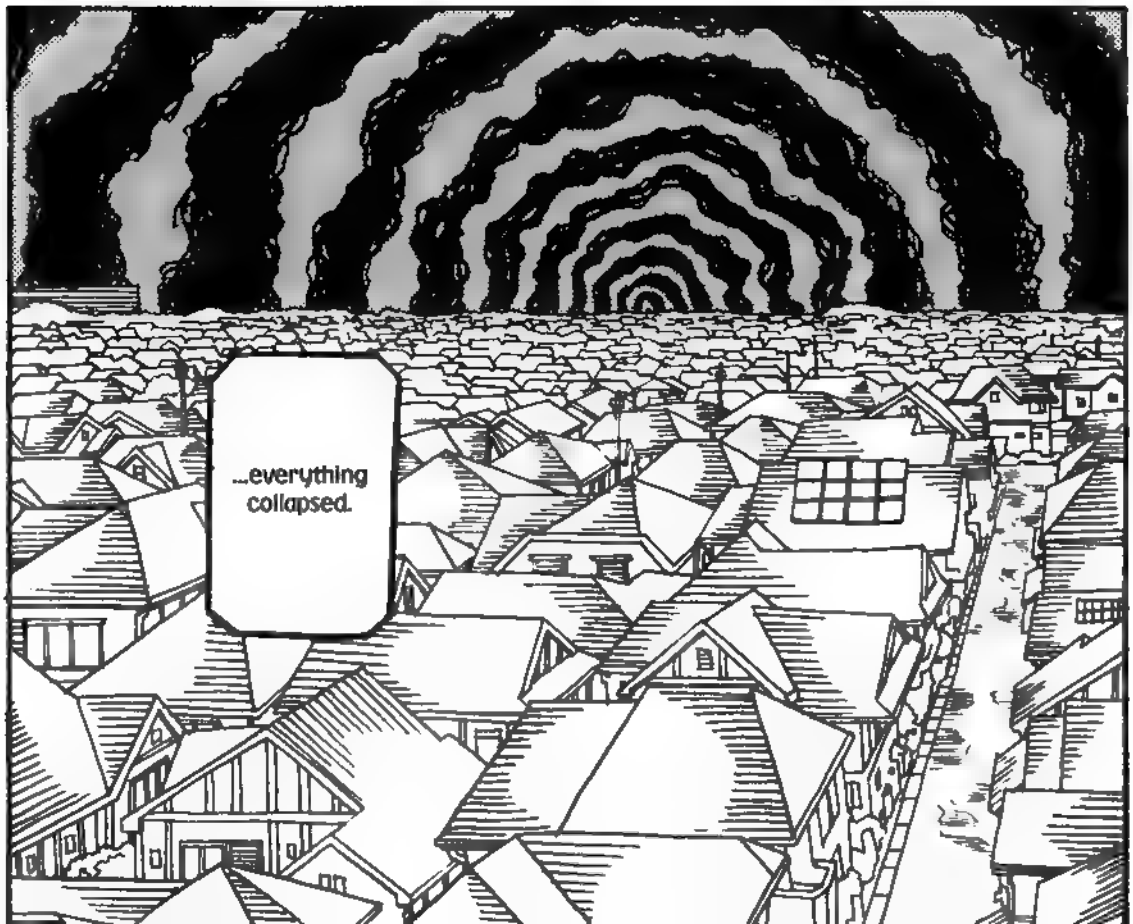
...
Right?
And it adds some fun in our daily lives...
It will make everyone in the town just a little bit richer.
Yes, like a club activity.
Just a little extra allowance in our pockets.
...and we've had to cancel all 'em plans to invite businesses into the town...
Sure, all the development projects for "Soil" have been suspended...
...
Yeah.
Let's at least keep our minds nice an' rich, but...
I tried plantin' flowers thinkin'...
Seems like... The town just ain't as happy as it used to be...

Let's ask Mrs. Suzushiro for the supplier's number right away...!
Everyone's going to be so excited!
!!
If it makes the townspeople and the flowers happy.
I trust the people of this town.
Yep, I've got nothing to worry about.
We didn't think of it that way at first...
It really was just a little game for some extra allowance...
Multi-level marketing, huh?
Hmph.


We stocked up huge amounts of the "rock salt..."
...and stepped up the sales efforts to try and get back our investment...
But when the membership increased, the profits also shot up ...
And everyone just started getting a little greedy...

...and the town council lost control of the entire situation.
Before anyone knew it, this whole chain reaction occurred...


By the time every single flower in the town had blossomed beautifully...
Meaning, by the time the "business" had spread all across "Soil..."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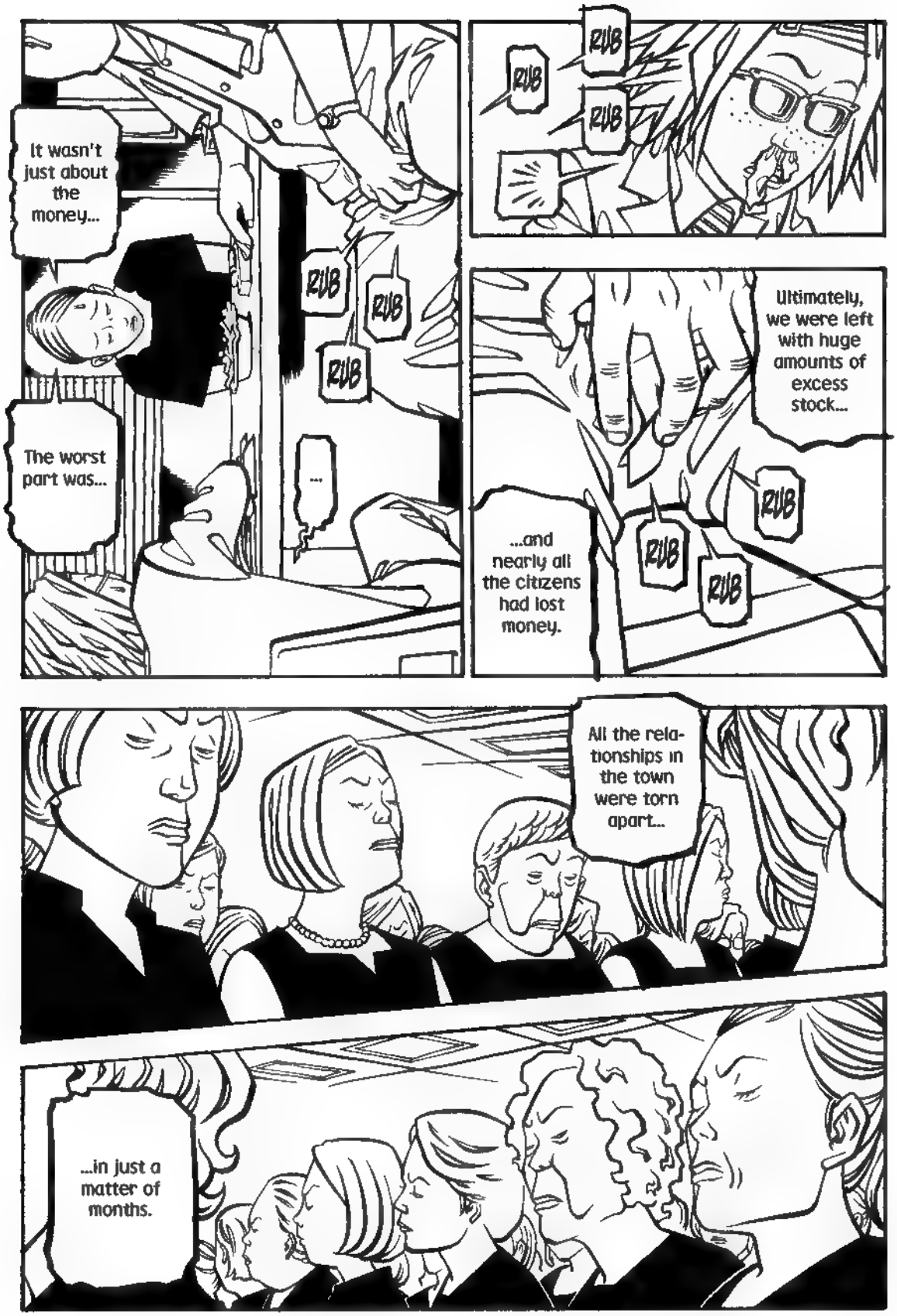
It wasn't just about the money...
RUB
RUB
RUB
The worst part was...
...
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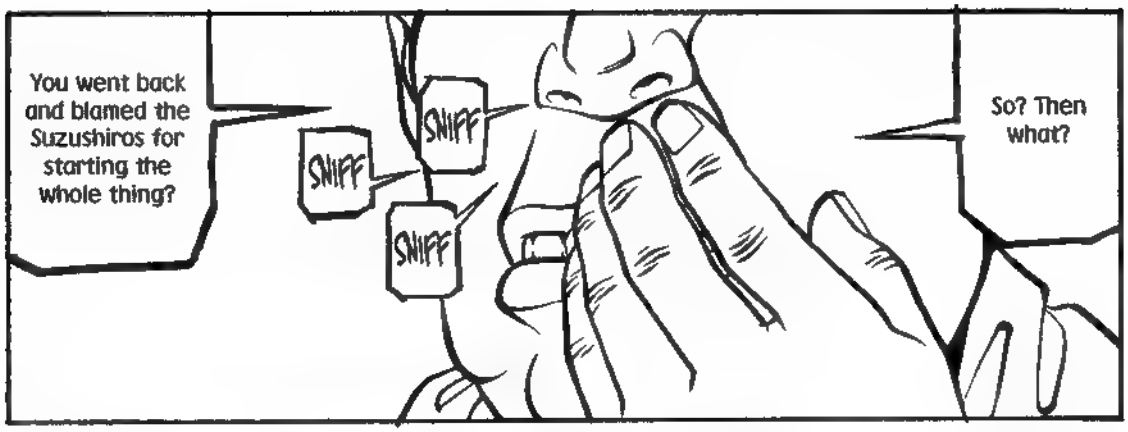
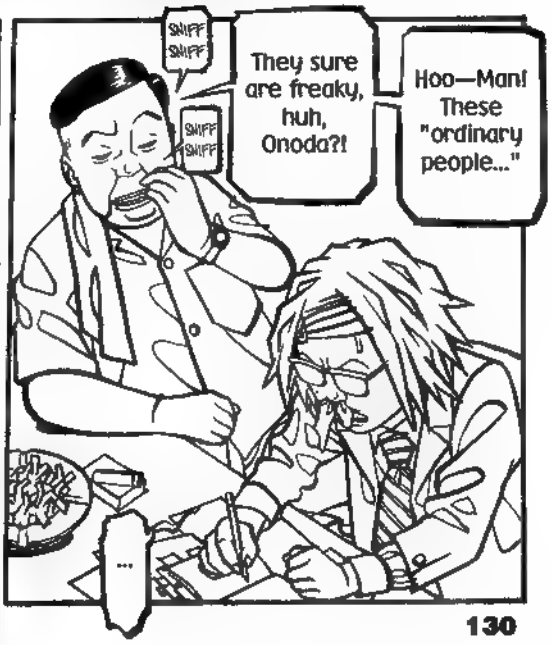
Ultimately, we were left with huge amounts of excess stock...
...and nearly all the citizens had lost money.
All the relationships in the town were torn apart...
...in just a matter of months.


You went back and blamed the Suzushiros for starting the whole thing?
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
So? Then what?

But I guess...
We just had to find a way to get rid of our irritation...

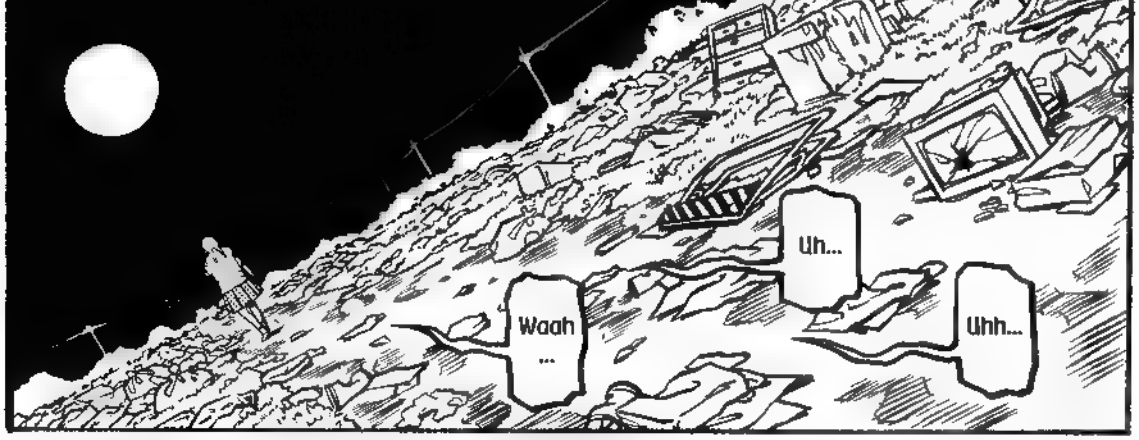
We knew we were blaming the wrong people...
After all, Mrs. Suzushiro had only introduced us to the supplier. She didn't take part in the "business" at all...

W-w-weren't there other reasons...?
Bu-b-b-but, all that just to get some payback...?


SNIFF SNIFF
SNIFF SNIFF
They sure are freaky, huh, Onoda?!
Hoo—Man! These "ordinary people..."
...

That was really all it was...
No...

The way the couple *reacted*...
Maybe it was...
?
Well...
Except...
Reacted...?
We couldn't figure it out...
It was so strange...
...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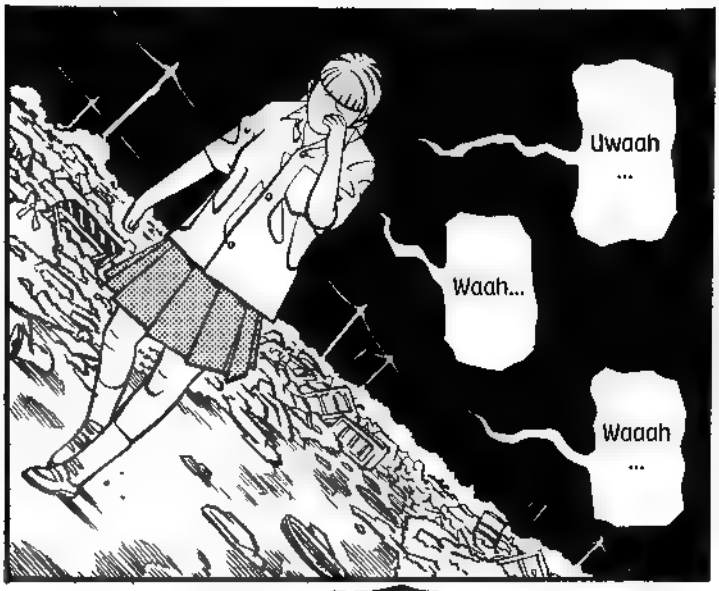
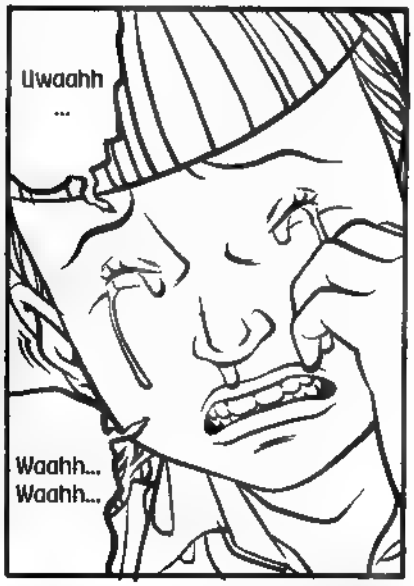
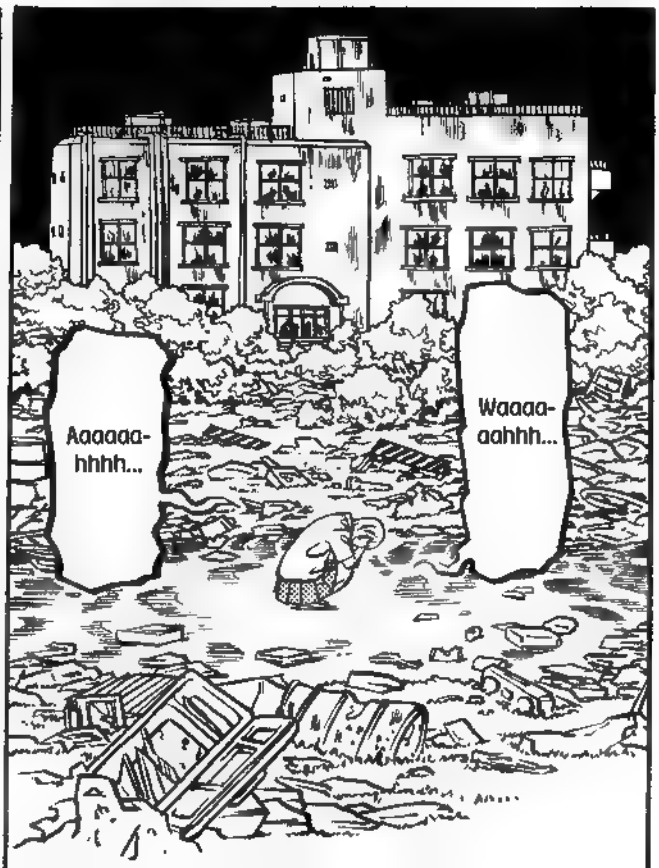
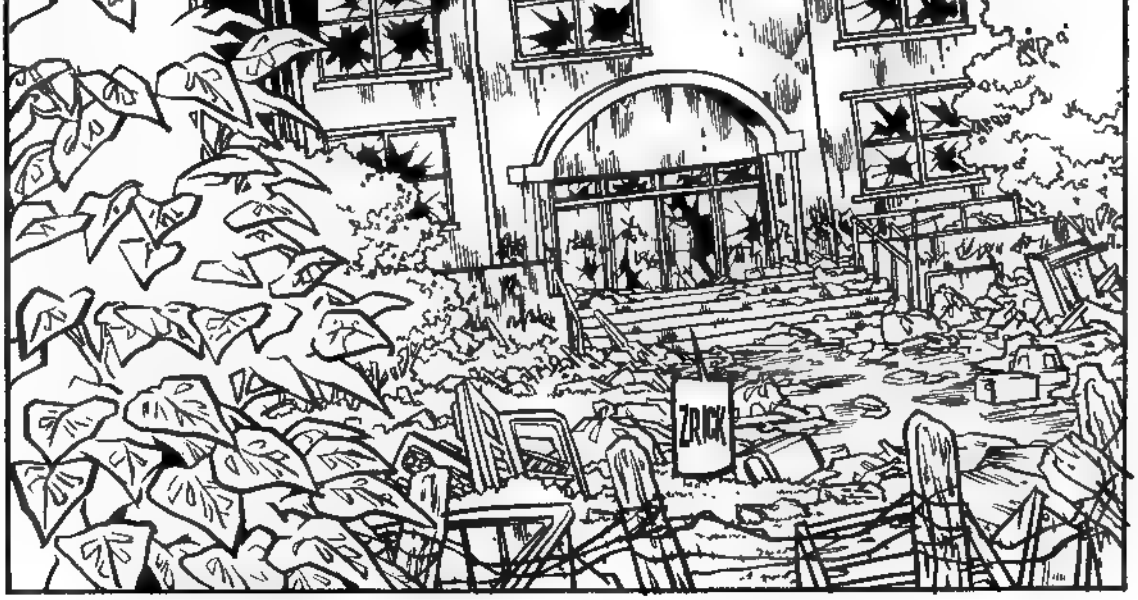
Waah ...
Uhh...


Uwaah ...
Waah...
Waaah ...


Uwaahh ...
Waahh... Waahh...

Hick... Hick...
Waaahh... Aaaaahh...


Aaaaaa-hhhh...
Waaaa-aahhh...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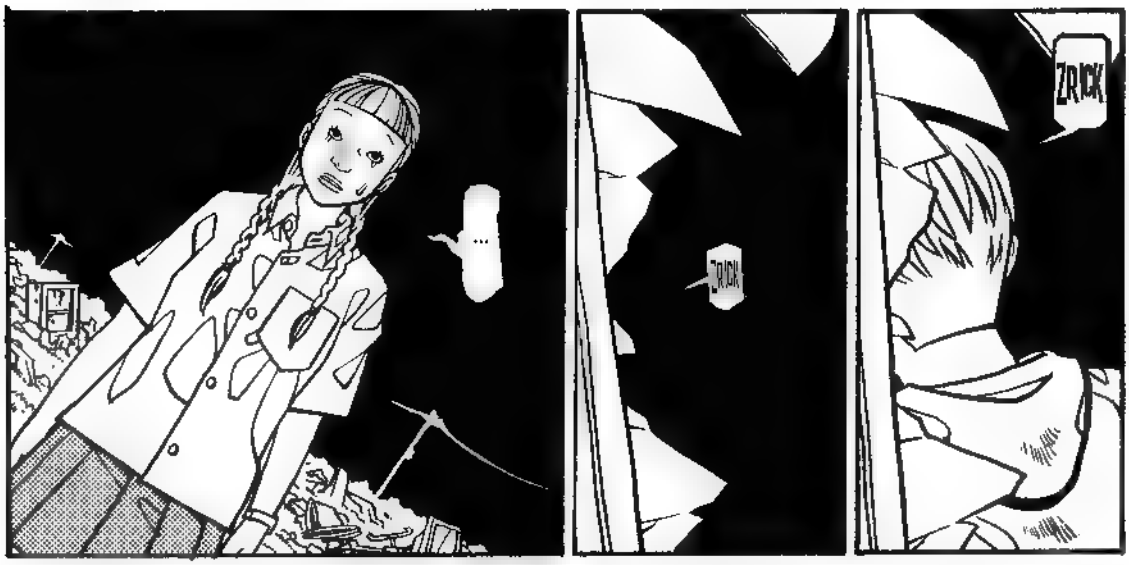
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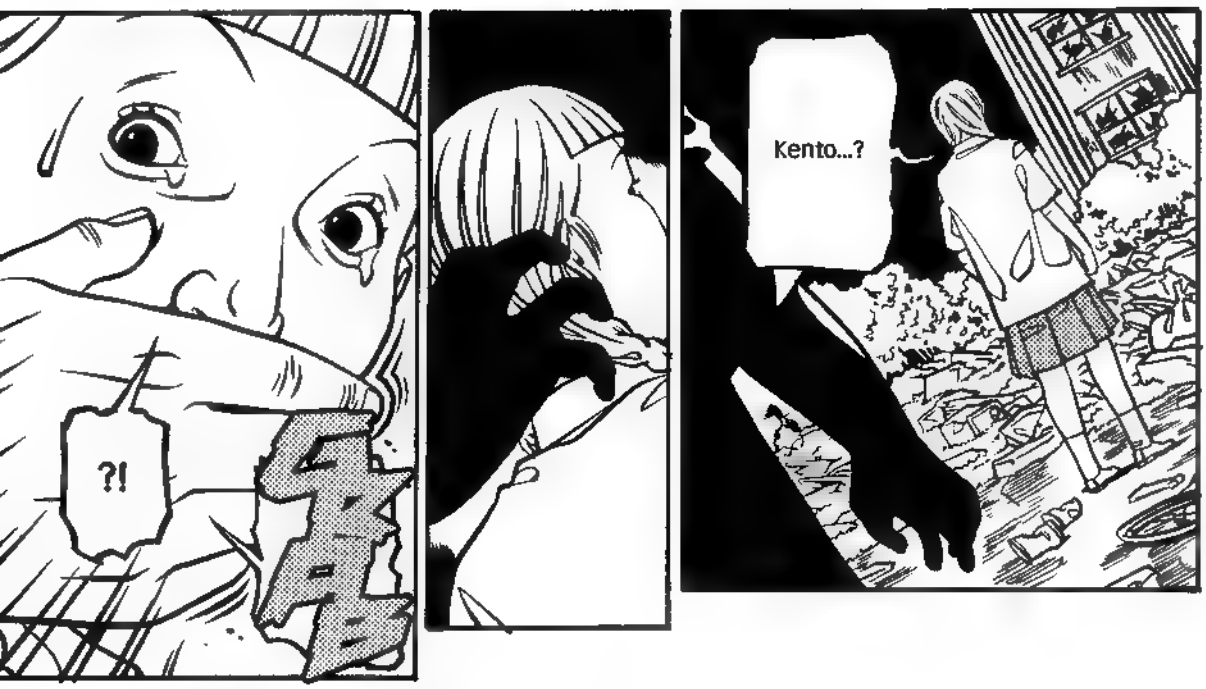
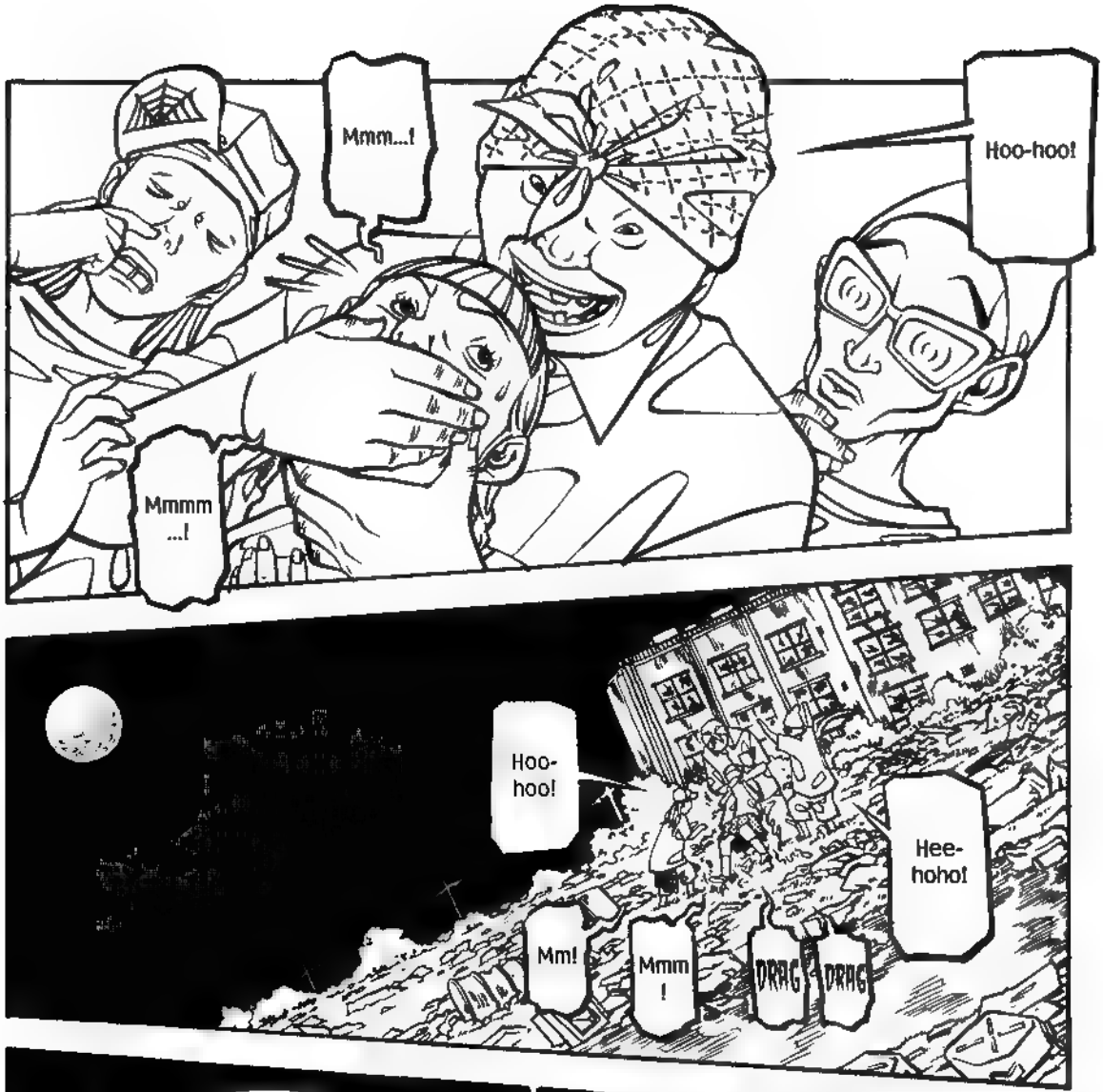

?!
Kento...?


Mmm...!
Hoo-hoo!
Mmmm ...!
Hoo-hoo!
Hee-hoho!
Mm!
Mmm !
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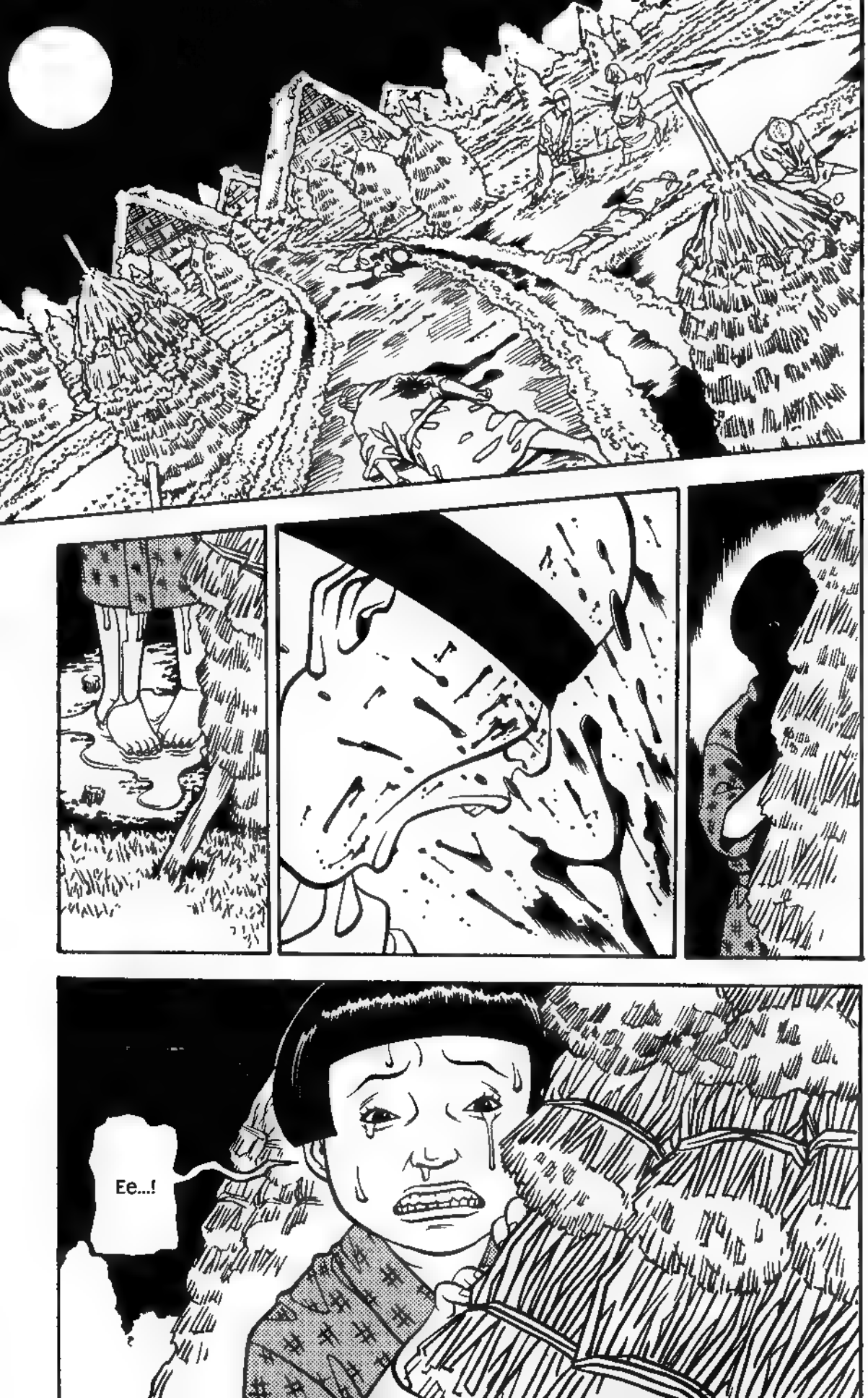
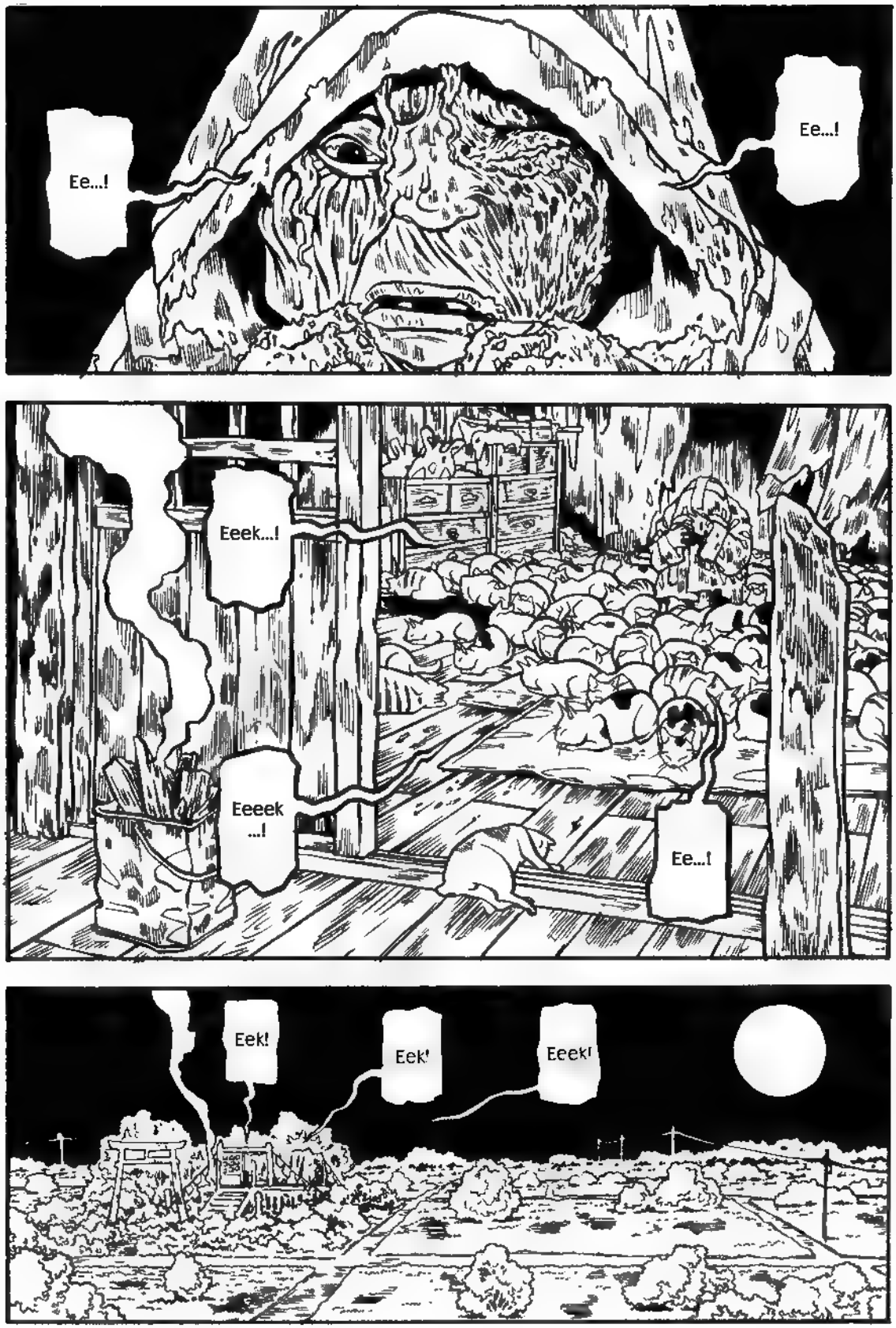
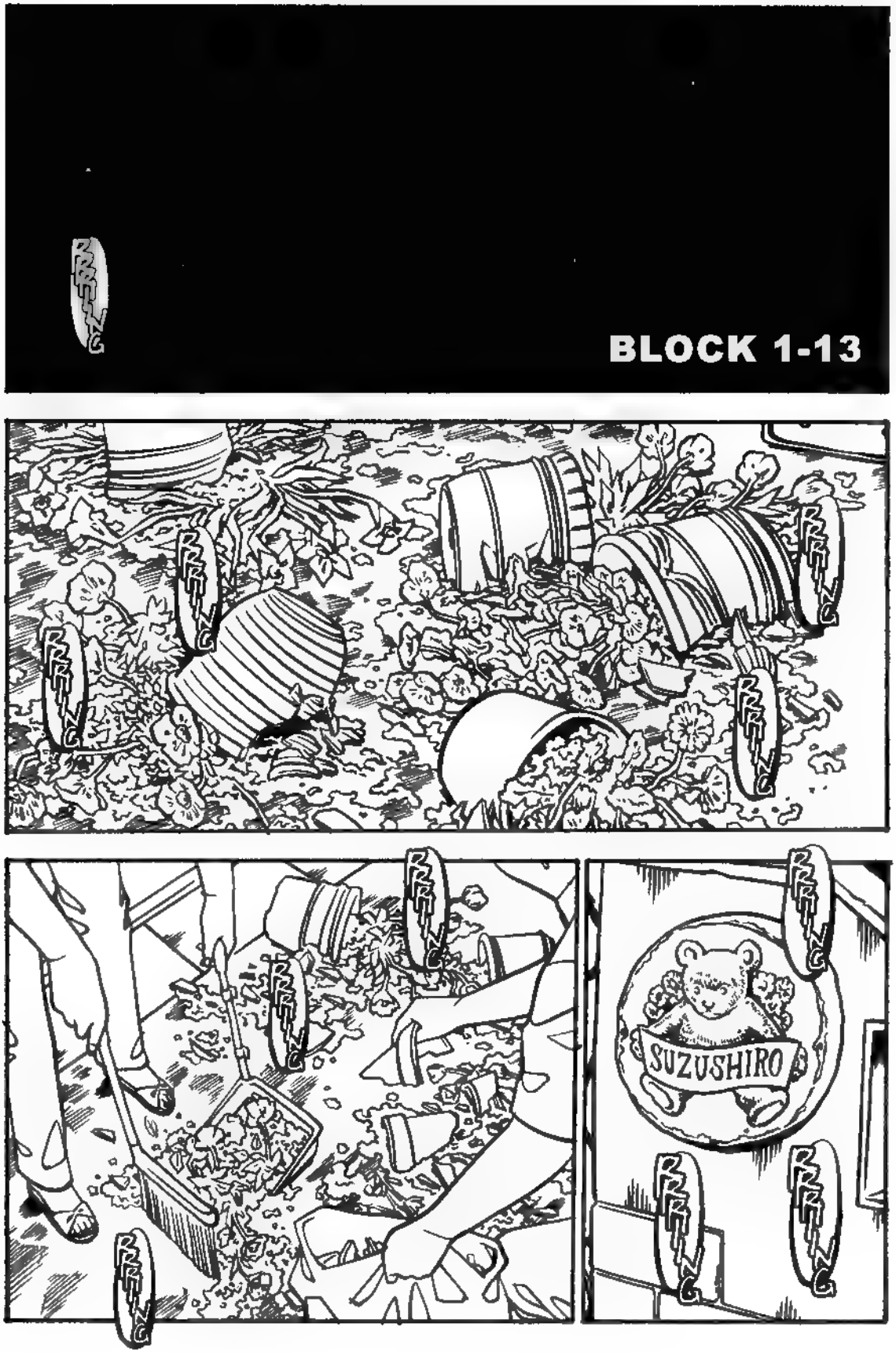

Ee...!


Ee...!
Ee...!
Eeek...!
Eeeek ...!
Ee...!
Eek!
Eek!
Eeek!

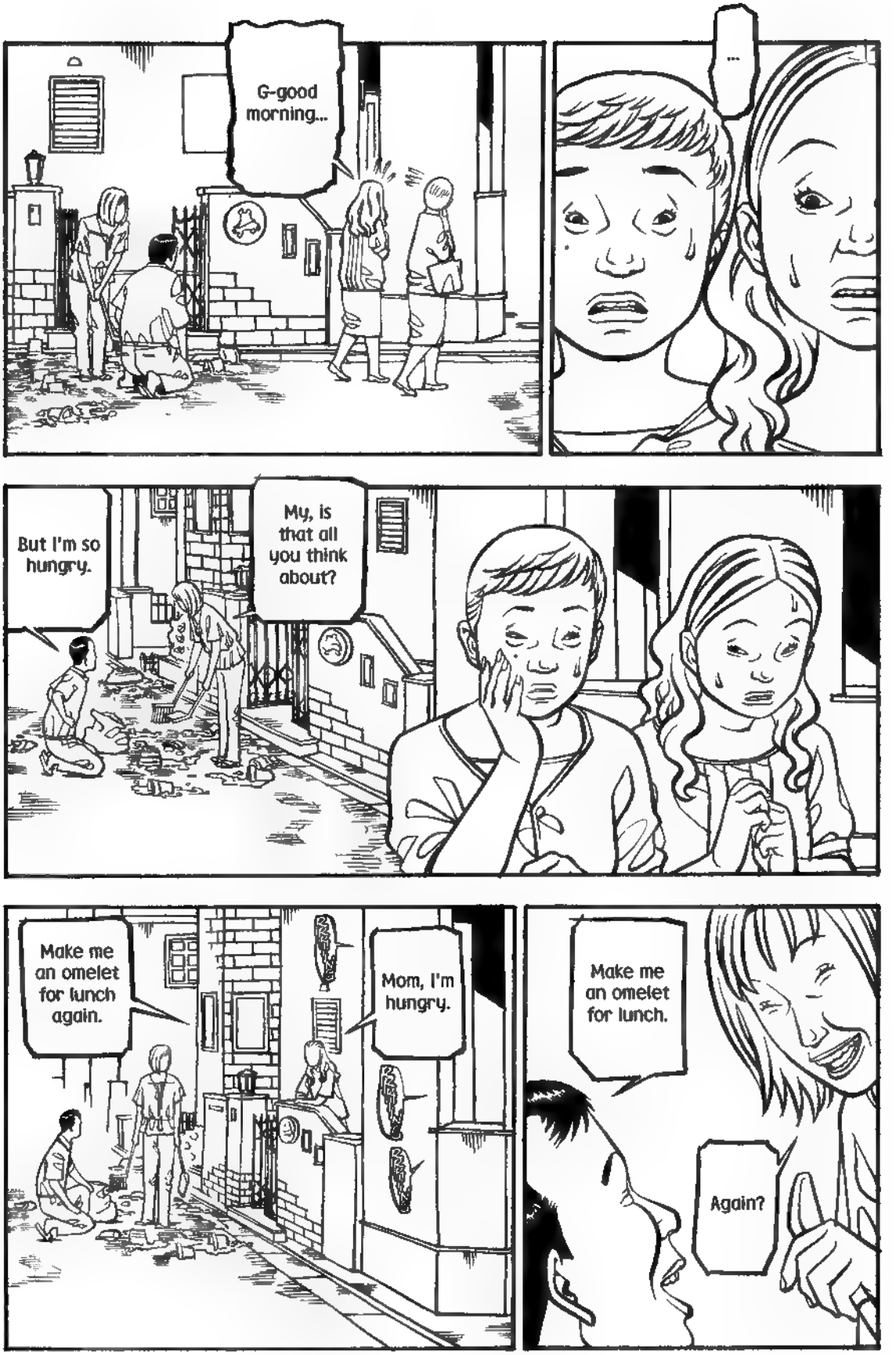
SOIL
Block 1-12 [End]

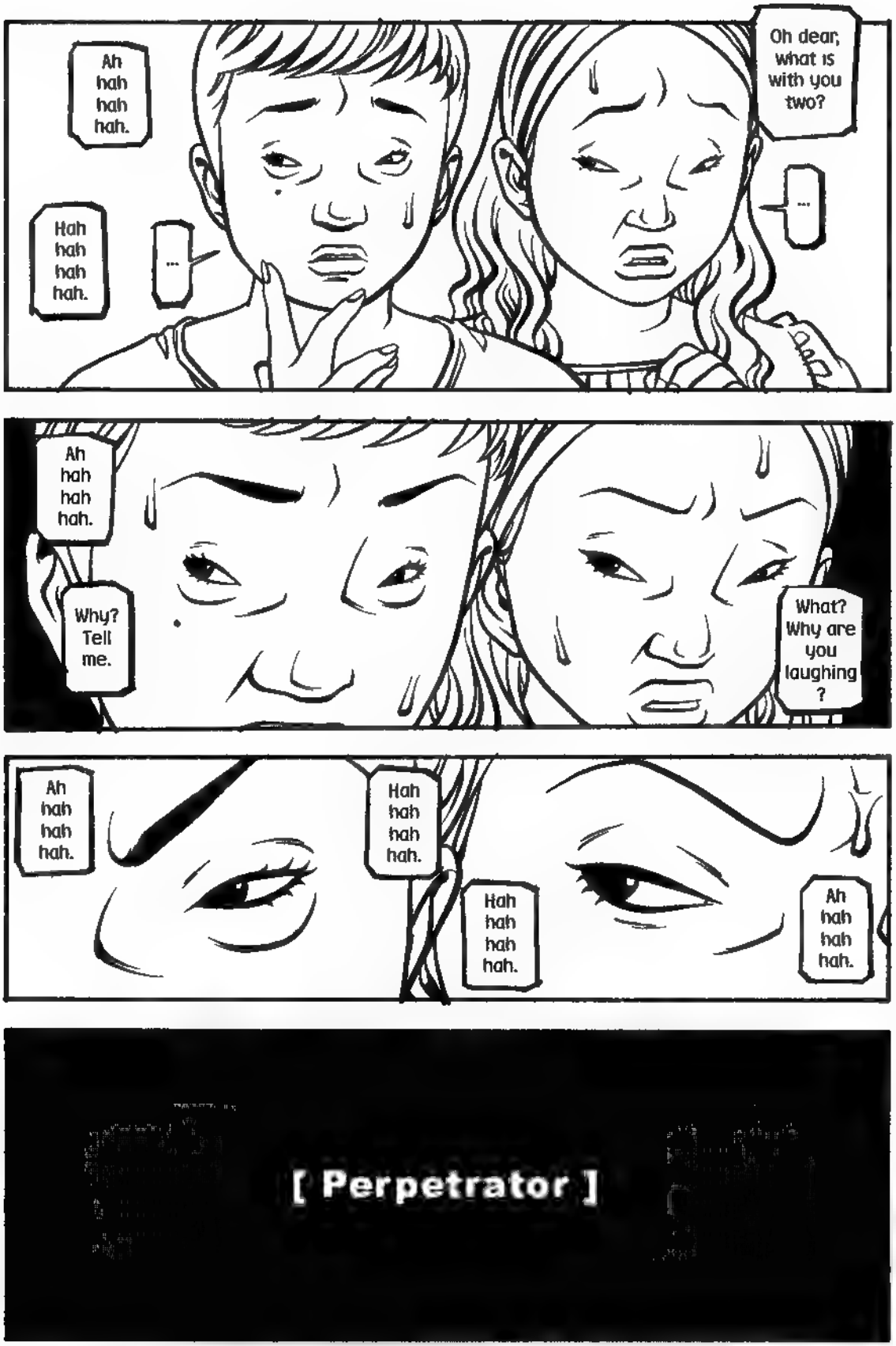
SOIL

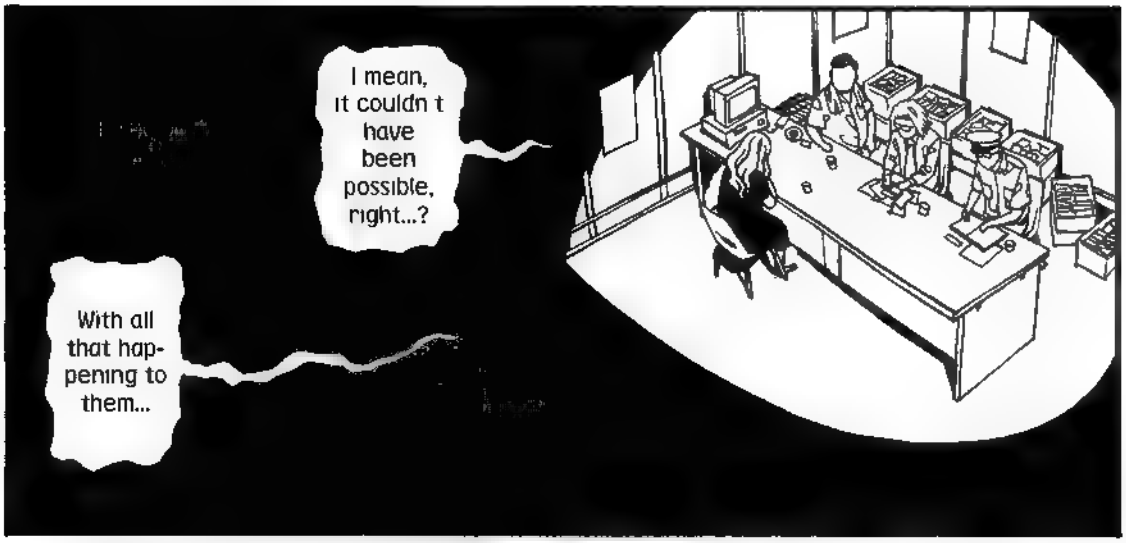
Block 1-13 [Perpetrator]


BRRNG
BLOCK 1-13
SUZUSHIRO

Good
morning.

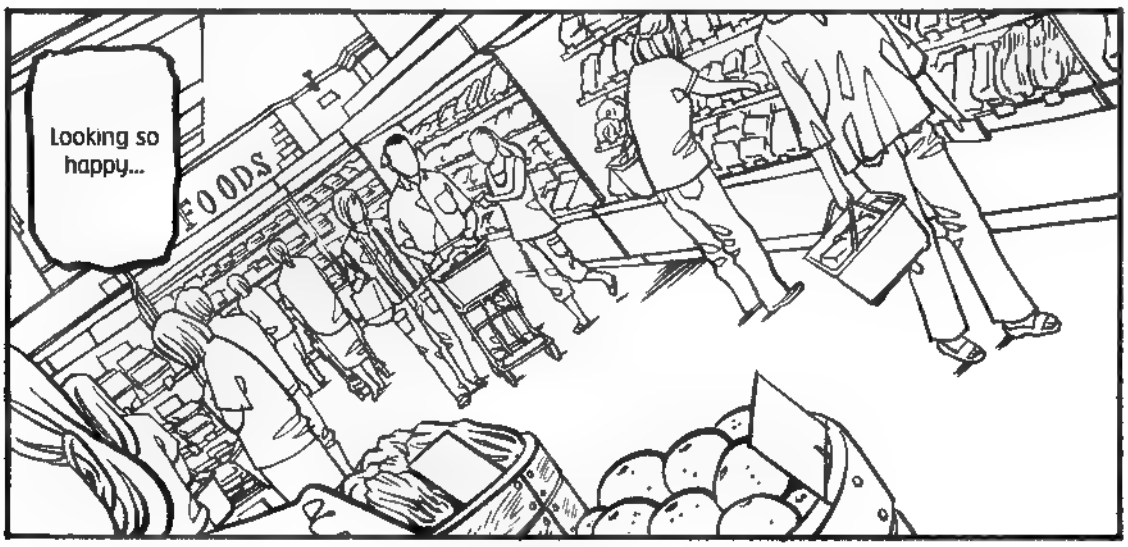

G-good morning...
...
But I'm so hungry.
My, is that all you think about?
Make me an omelet for lunch again.
Mom, I'm hungry.
Make me an omelet for lunch.
Again?


Ah hah hah hah.
Hah hah hah hah.
...
Oh dear, what is with you two?
...
Ah hah hah hah.
Why? Tell me.
What? Why are you laughing ?
Ah hah hah hah.
Hah hah hah hah.
Hah hah hah hah.
Ah hah hah hah.
[Perpetrator]


I mean, it couldn t have been possible, right...?
With all that happening to them...

Whenever... Wherever we saw them...
Smiling...

But... They never changed...


Looking so happy...
FOODS

They kept looking like an ideal... Wonderful family...

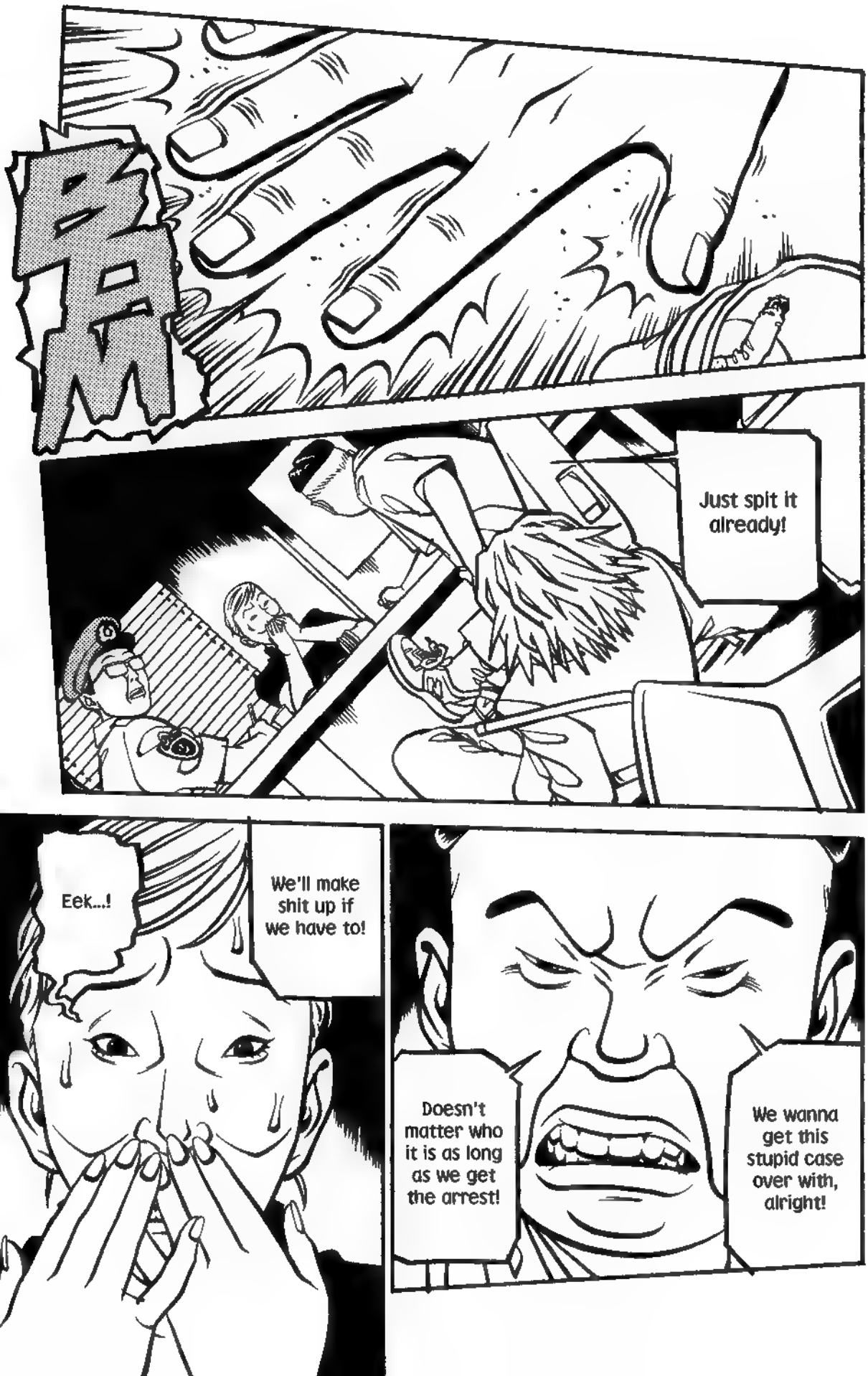
Die
Garbage
Revolting
Hate you
Don't walk outside
Eyesore
Absolutely hate you
Get out
Curse
Stupid
Go away
Misery

Even a little bit scared...
We were confused ...

So we couldn't stop doing it...
It kept escalating, and...
POST NO
Anonymous Caller

I know, right?
To think I'm sitting in the same room as a criminal...
Really.
I can't stand it.
This place is stifling...
What was that?!
Oh, I'm not allowed to look?
...
Hey! What are you looking at?!
Isn't the culprit in here?
I wish they would just turn themselves in.

So?
You kidnapped 'em, right?
Were you gonna split the 30 million?
How many people pitched in?
TAP
TAP
TAP
Wh-what are you...?
Huh?
Shut up, you ugly bitch!
Se-Sergeant Yokoi! The person who delivered the ransom letter has already been--
Did you tear off the daughter's nail?
Who sent in the ransom letter?
TAP
TAP
TAP
N-no, I...

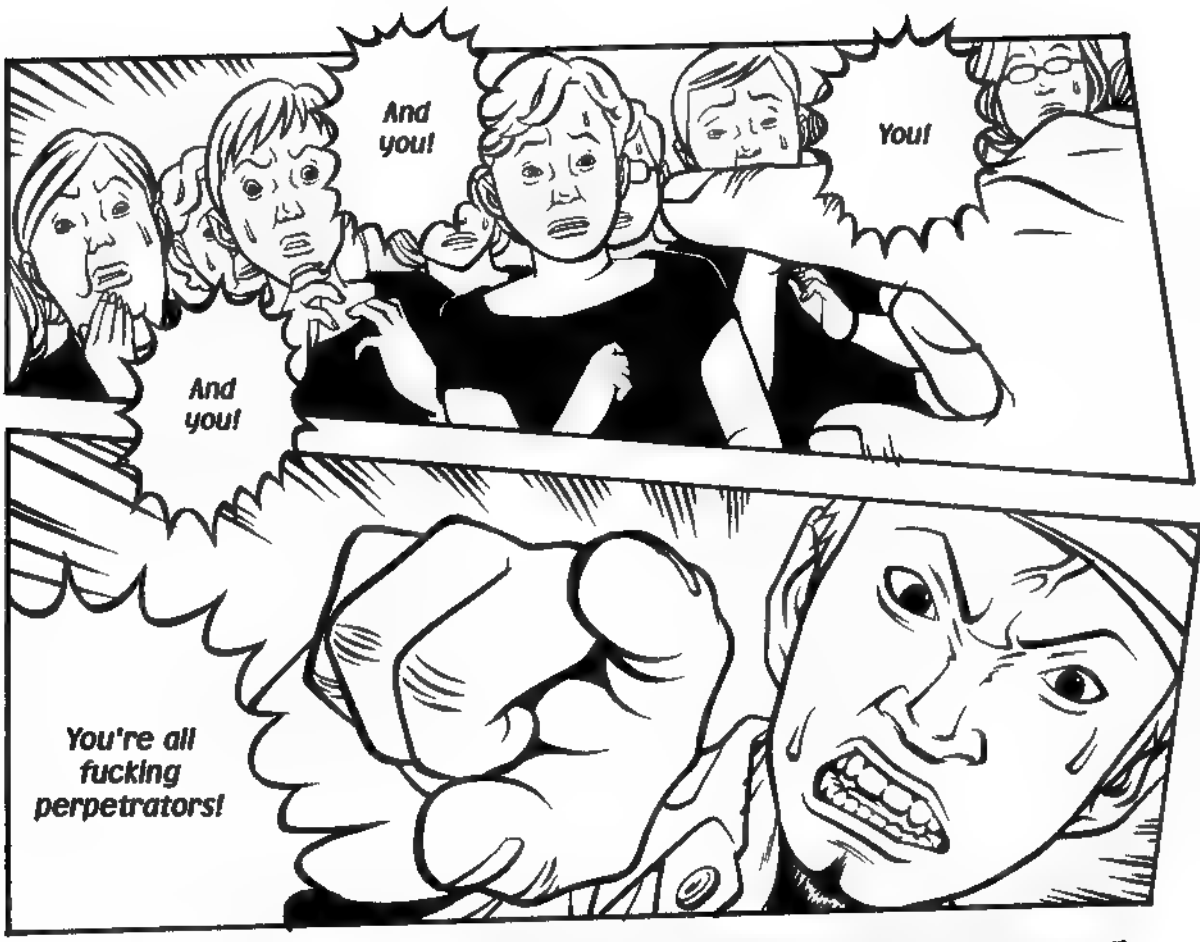

BAM
Just spit it already!
Eek...!
We'll make shit up if we have to!
Doesn't matter who it is as long as we get the arrest!
We wanna get this stupid case over with, alright!

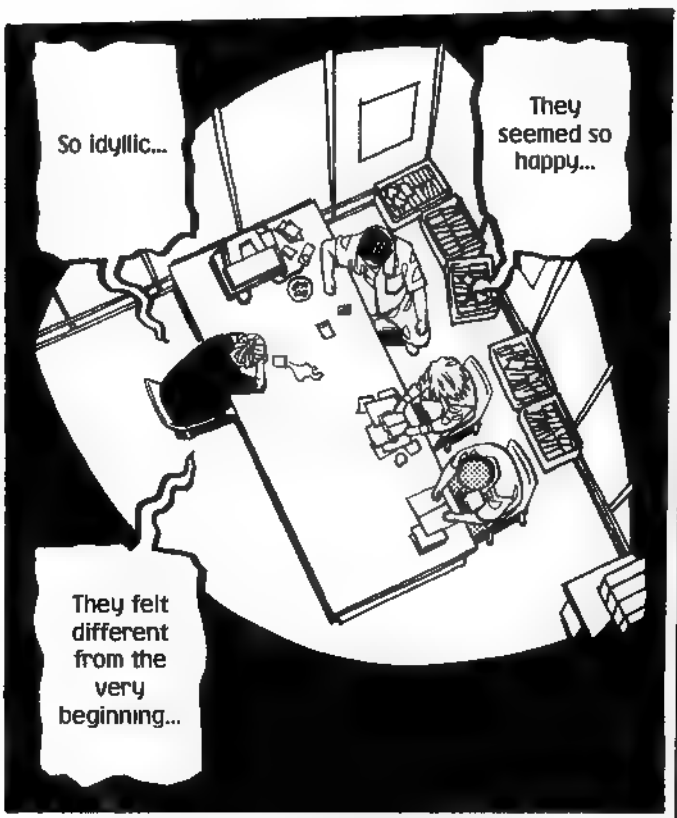
Everyone's been saying it!
What are you accusing me of?!
You would do something like this!
Aaah!
Hey, hey! Calm down!
Where do you think you are?!
...
CRACK
Oww!
CLANG
WUMP

N-no...!
Just say you killed them! It'll save us time!
Right?
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
You killed them?
What'd you do with the Suzu-shiros?
No...! I didn't ...!
That way we won't have to find a body.
How about you threw them into the ocean?
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
You were screwed the second you came in, alright!
See, the police are reeeeal scary people.
We'll make up the rest for you afterwards.
...
All you gotta say is "Yes."
Wha?
Wha?
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

How you gonna get out of this one?! Huh?!
Gives us a link with the "salt" at the crime scene.
We've even got video.
Perfect motive.
TAP
...
...
C'mon, say it.
Just say, "I killed the Suzushiros to get revenge for the marketing scheme."
Waaaaaaaahhh!

Ahh!
Shut the fuck up already!
GRAB
?!
Don't pretend like you're all innocent!
Huh?!
You're all packing shit in your stomachs, aren't you!
Fucking bitches!
Glossing it up! That all you do?!
"The beautiful city with no gloom?!" What the fuck was that all about?!
Huh?!

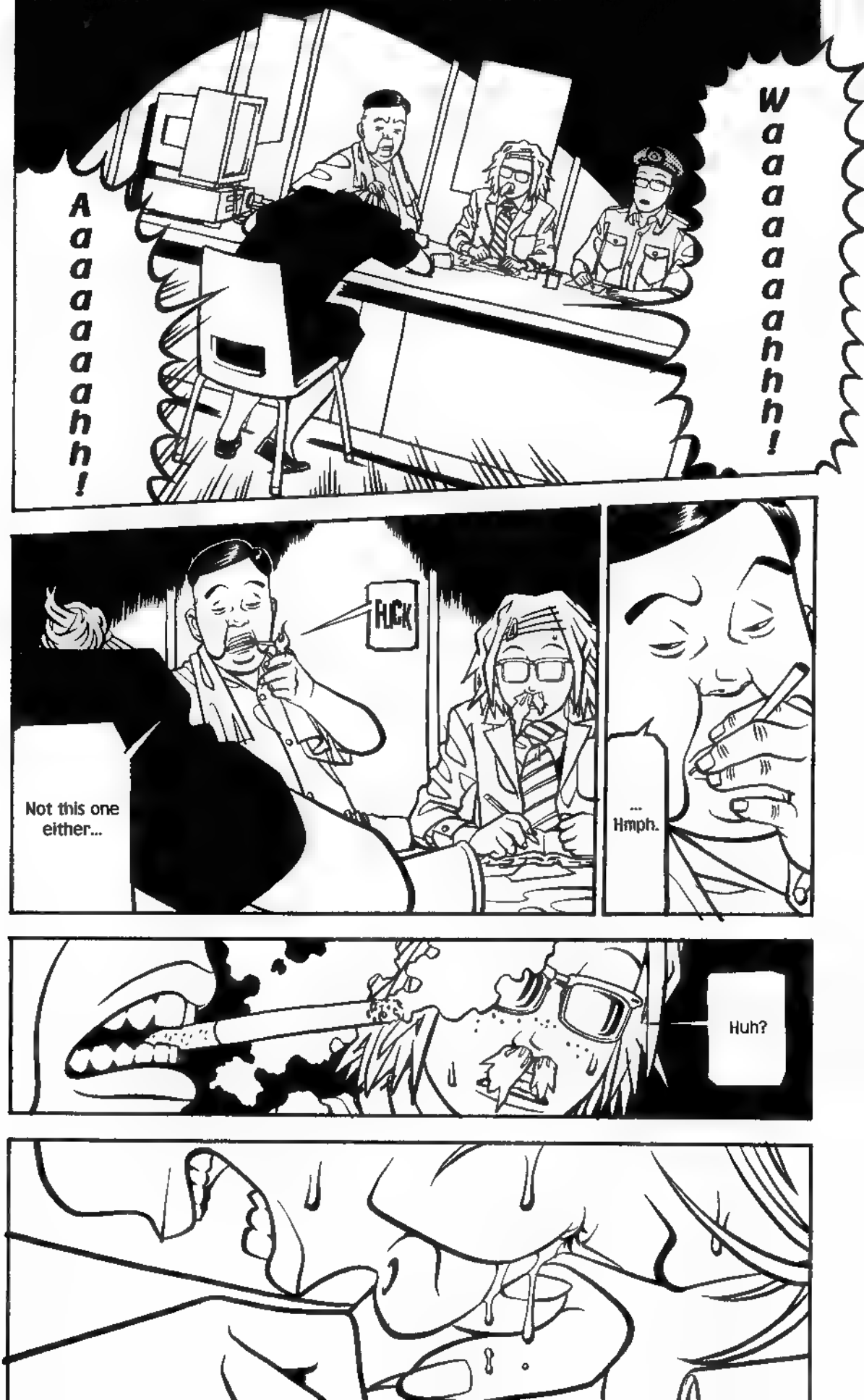

And you!
You!
And you!
You're all fucking perpetrators!

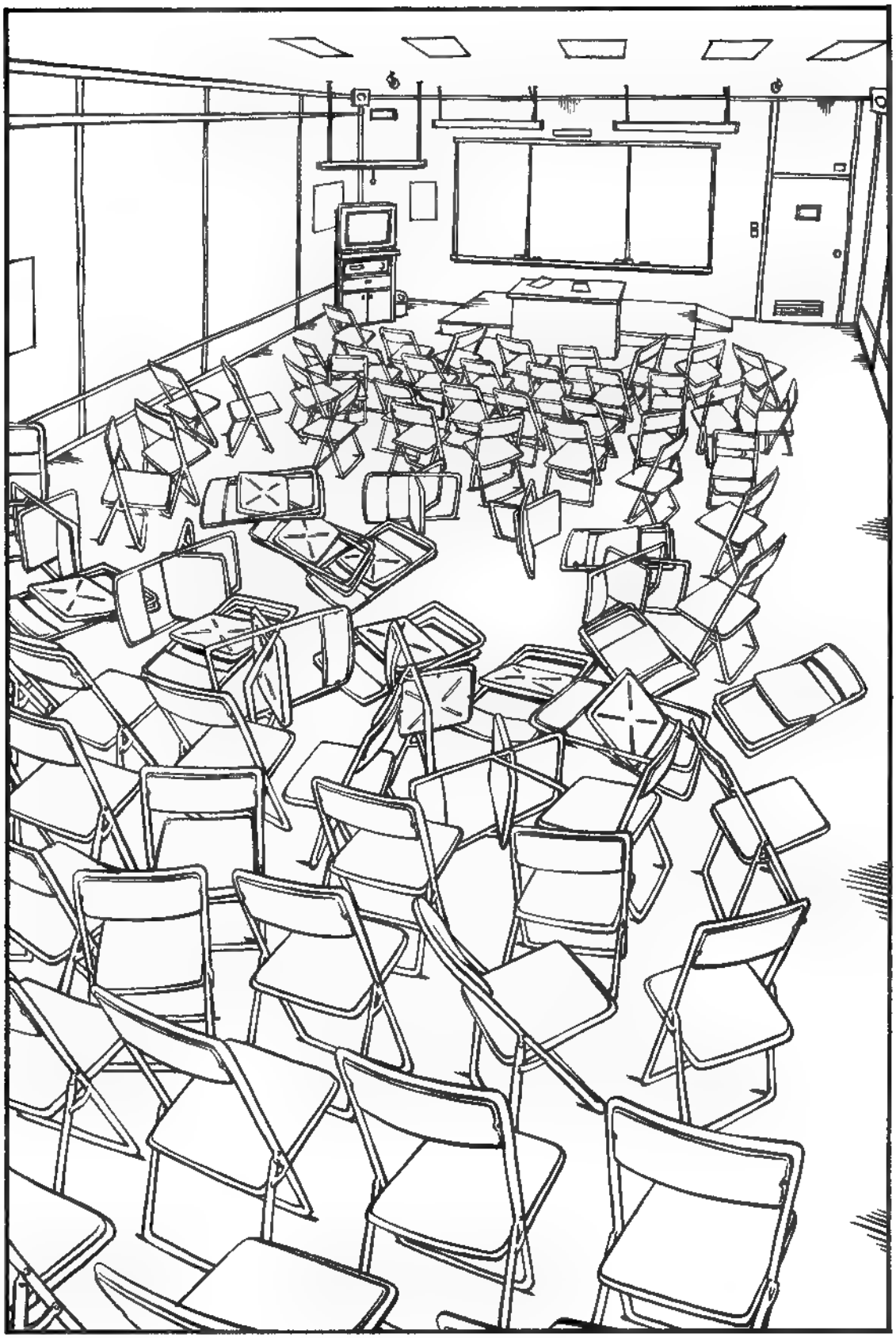

So idyllic...
They seemed so happy...
They felt different from the very beginning...

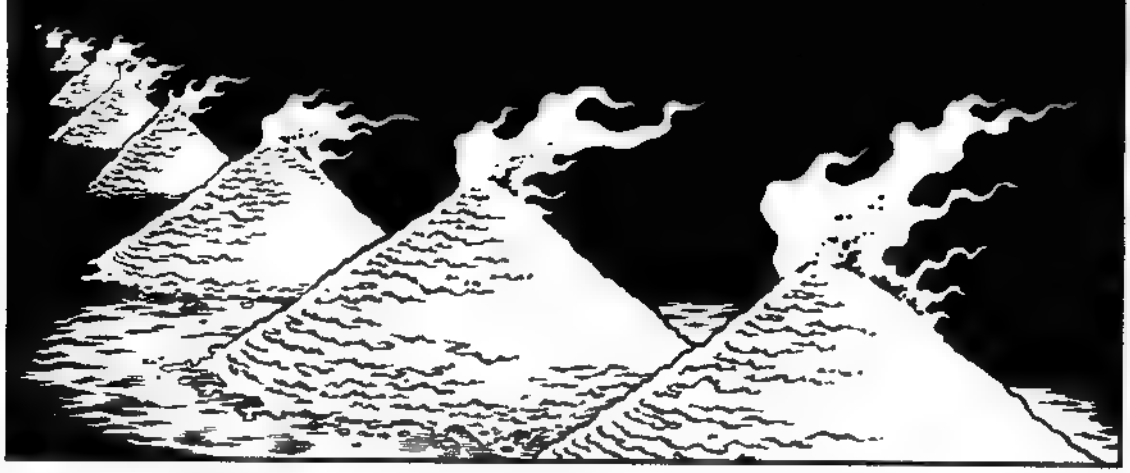
I was jealous...
...of that family.

I wanted to taint them...
I just wanted to hurt those "outsiders..."
...was probably just an excuse.
That whole thing with the "business ..."
I didn't kidnap them... I didn't kill them...
That's really all it was...
I was scared...
Scared...
All those ugly things...
Most of all... The things I did to the Suzu-shiros...
If my child... My family found out...
I was...
...scared of being accused.

Stupid
Die
Kill
殺
Stup d
馬鹿
Smelly
臭い
Eye-yore
Get lost
Misery
Curse
Die
Hate you
Disgusting
Go away
We hate you
出て行け
大嫌い

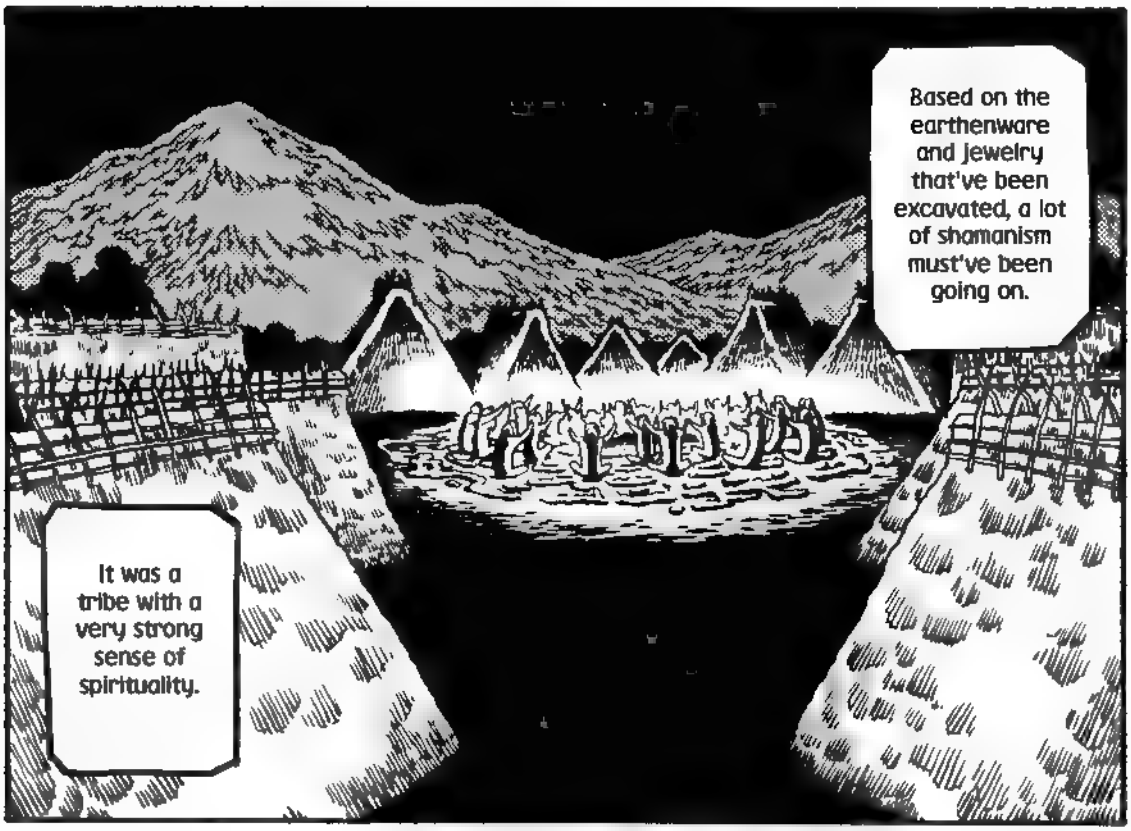

Waaaaaaahhh!
Aaaaaaah!
HCK
Not this one either...
... Hmph.
Huh?

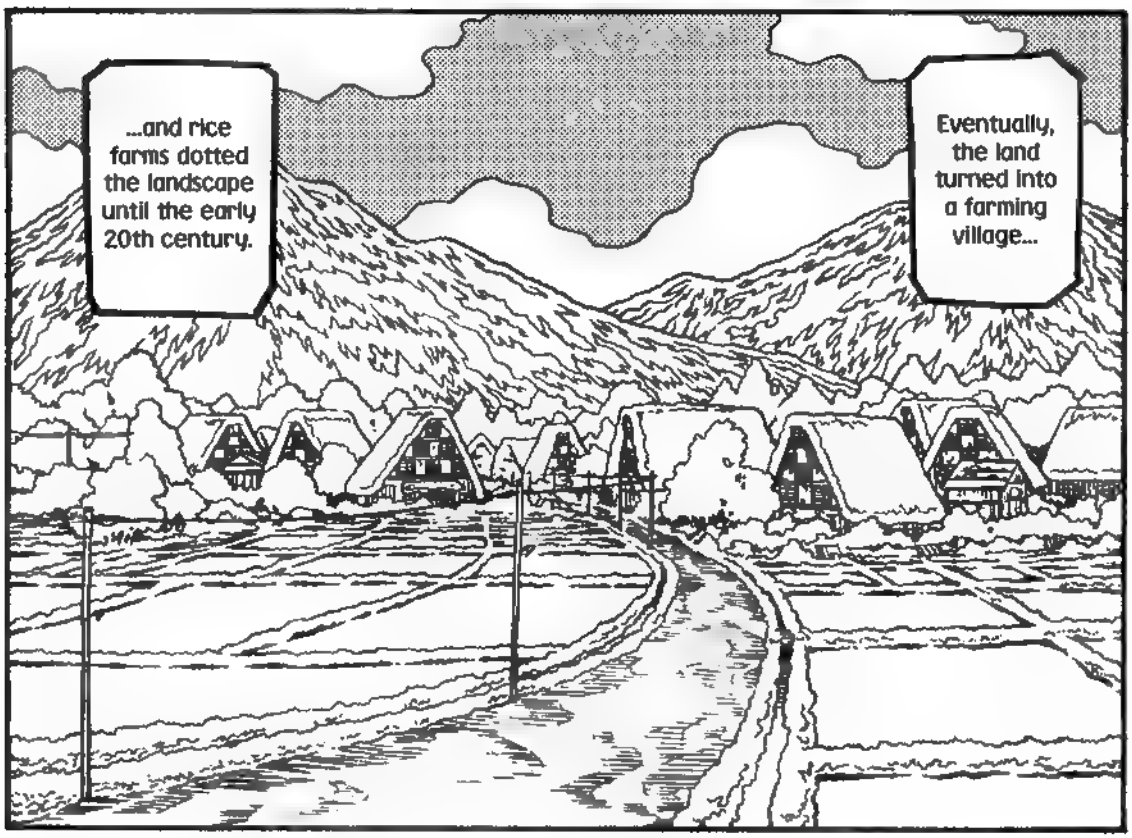


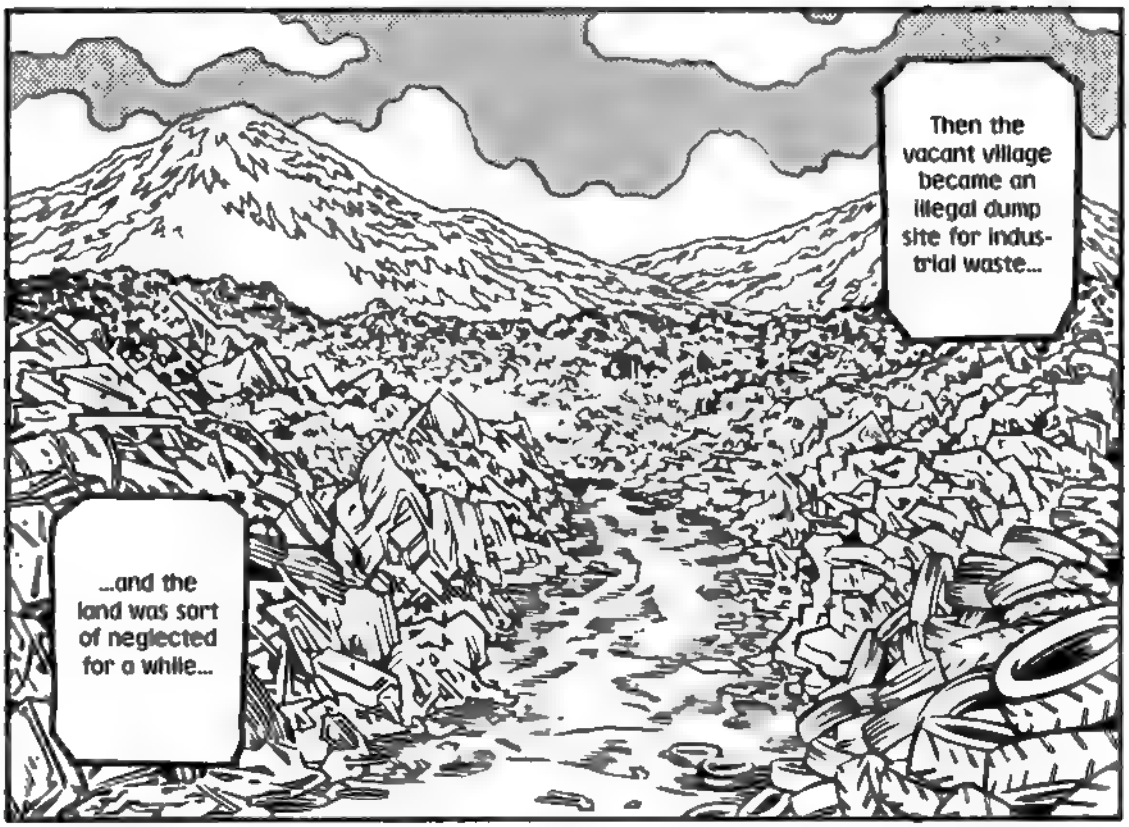


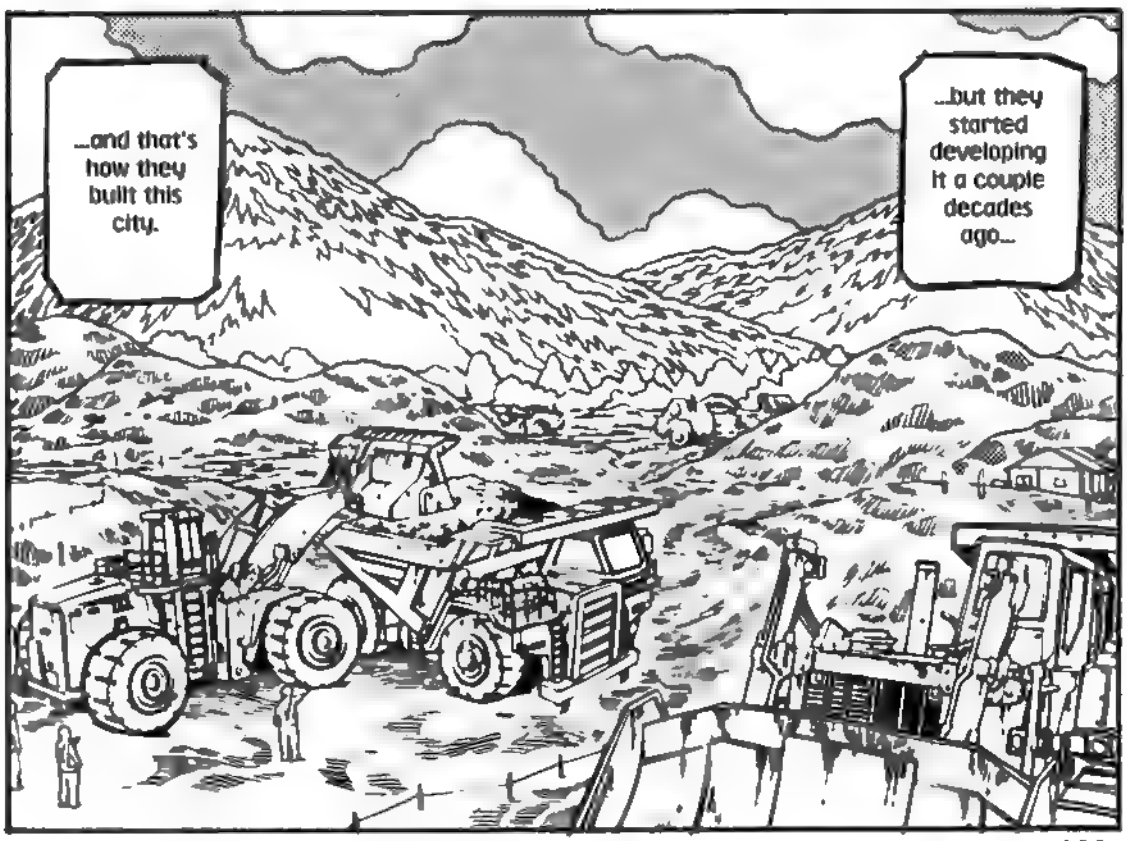
Approxi-
mately 4000
years ago...

...the land of
"Soil New
Town" was
inhabited by
the Jomon
people.


Based on the earthenware and jewelry that've been excavated, a lot of shamanism must've been going on.
It was a tribe with a very strong sense of spirituality.

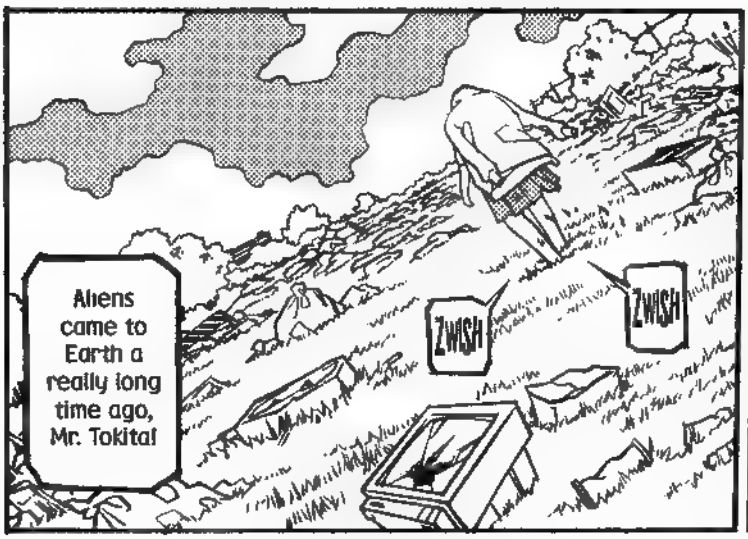

...and rice farms dotted the landscape until the early 20th century.
Eventually, the land turned into a farming village...


Then the vacant village became an illegal dump site for industrial waste...
...and the land was sort of neglected for a while...


...and that's how they built this city.
...but they started developing it a couple decades ago...

Apparently, they found shards of earthenware during the construction...
...but finding ruins would delay the project, so they kept it under wraps.
Well, it happens pretty often.
WHIRR
WHIRR
Thanks to them, all these precious cultural artifacts were destroyed, and...
Were you guys listening to my story?
Dang.
I'd rather you go somewhere else if you're not interested.
WHIRR
WHIRR
Hey!
Can you stop fiddling with that weird stuff around here?!

Mr. Tokita! Is it true that the Jomon people made contact with aliens?!
Just forget about that stuff...

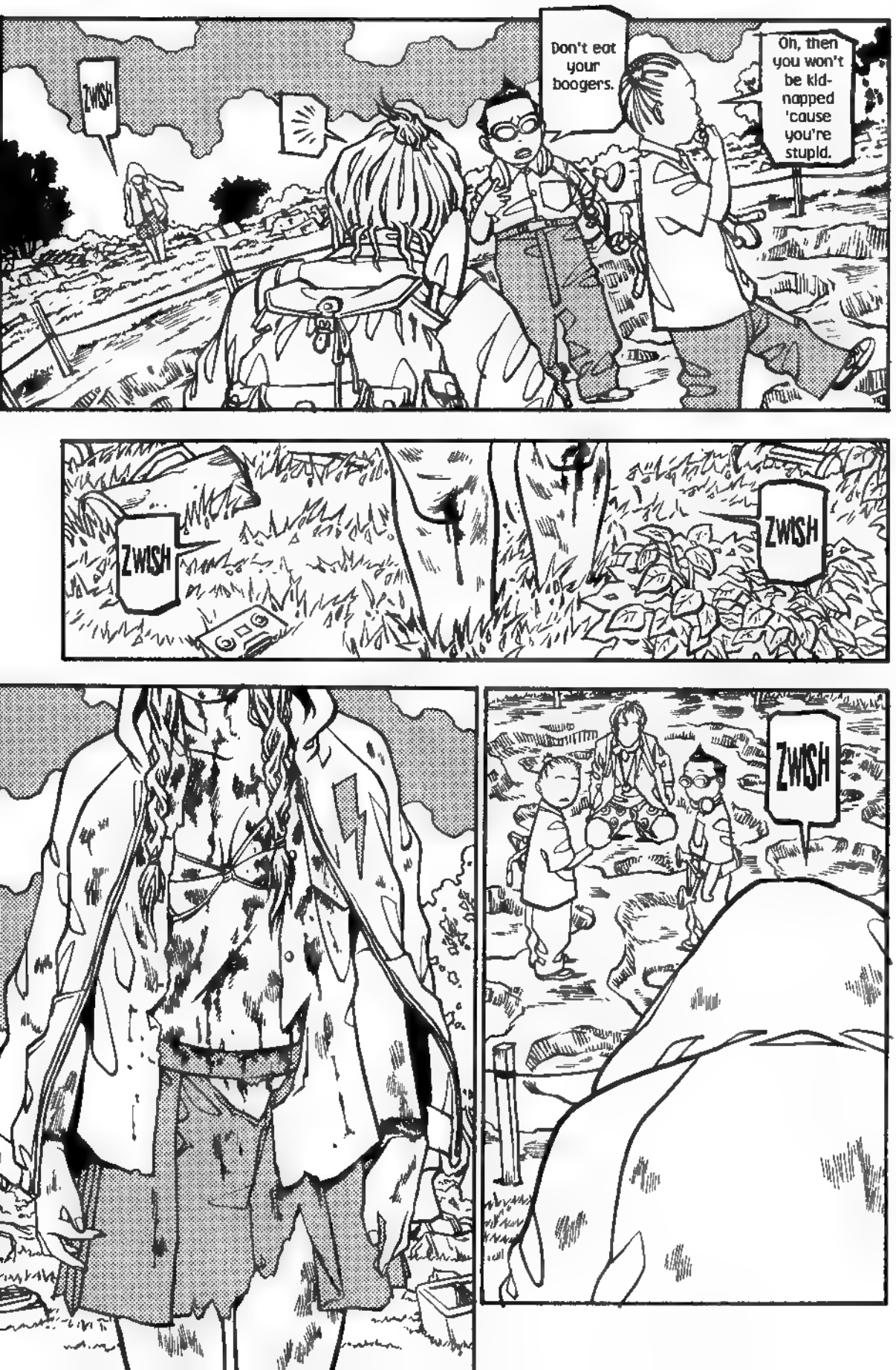

Aliens came to Earth a really long time ago, Mr. Tokita!
ZWISH
ZWISH

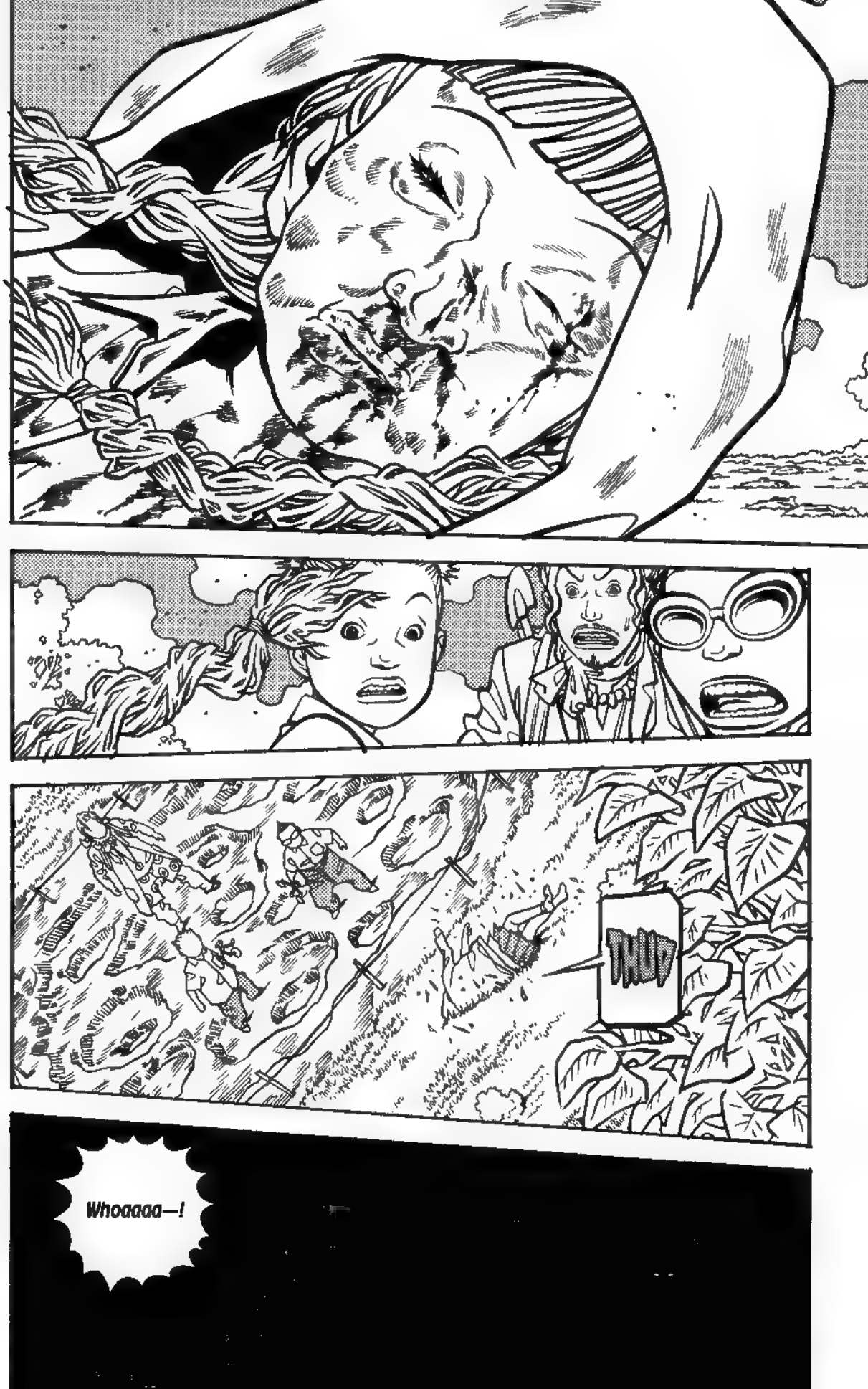
ZWISH

For real? Then Mizuki Suzushiro got her brain taken too?!
...
And then! They make the brains into computer parts for their UFOs!

Where do you get these stories from, Seki?
They wanna kidnap us and steal our brains!

The aliens saw that, and they...
ZWISH
ZWISH
Yeah! Remember how she always got good grades?!

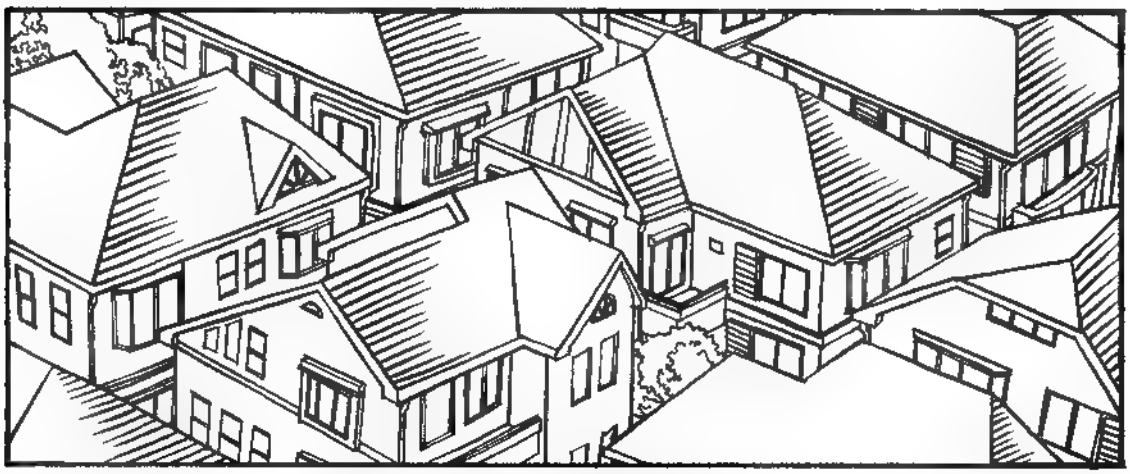

ZWISH
Don't eat your boogers.
Oh, then you won't be kid-napped 'cause you're stupid.
ZWISH
ZWISH
ZWISH


THUD
Whoaaaa—!

SOIL
Block 1-13 [End]

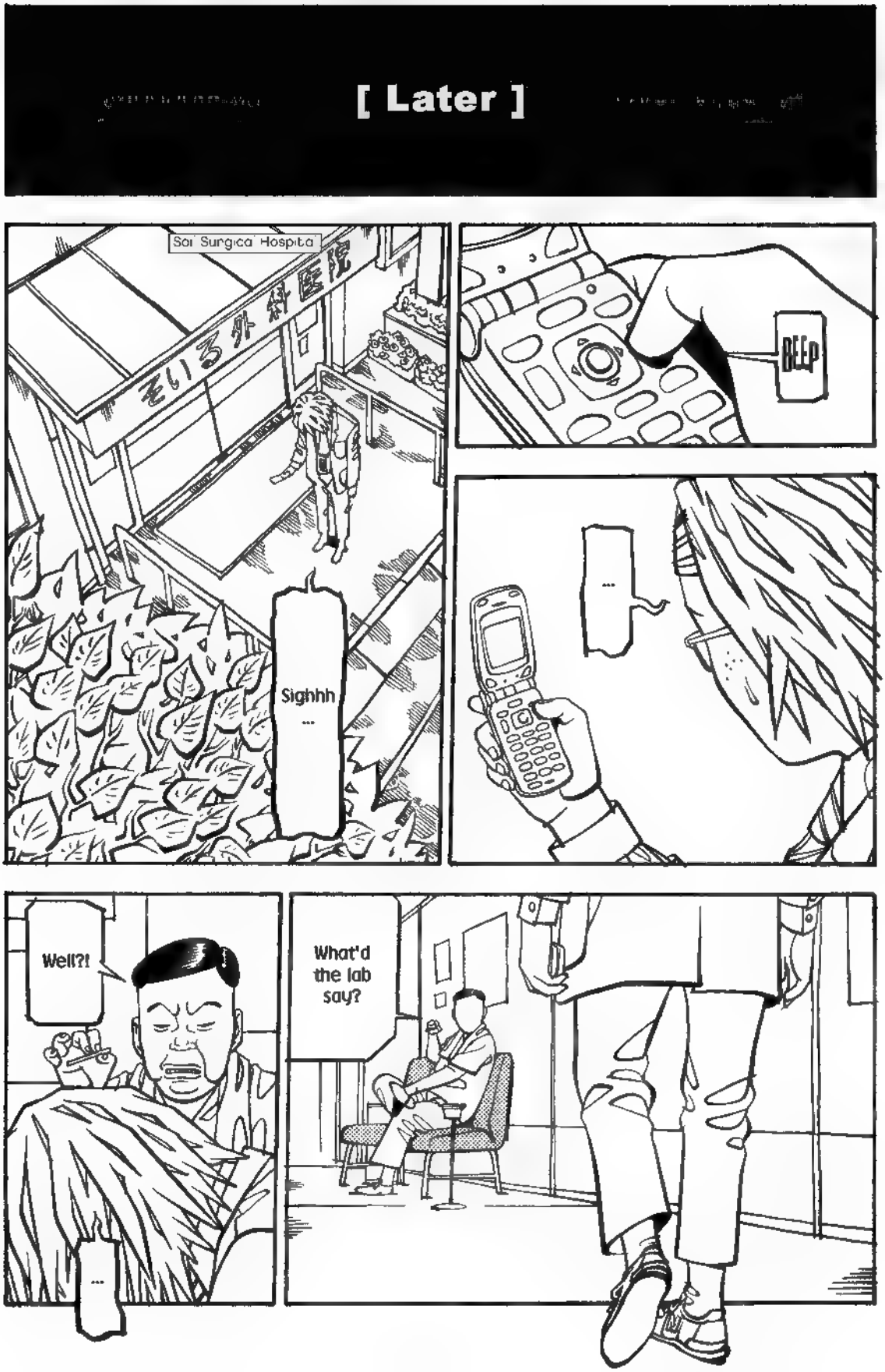
SOIL

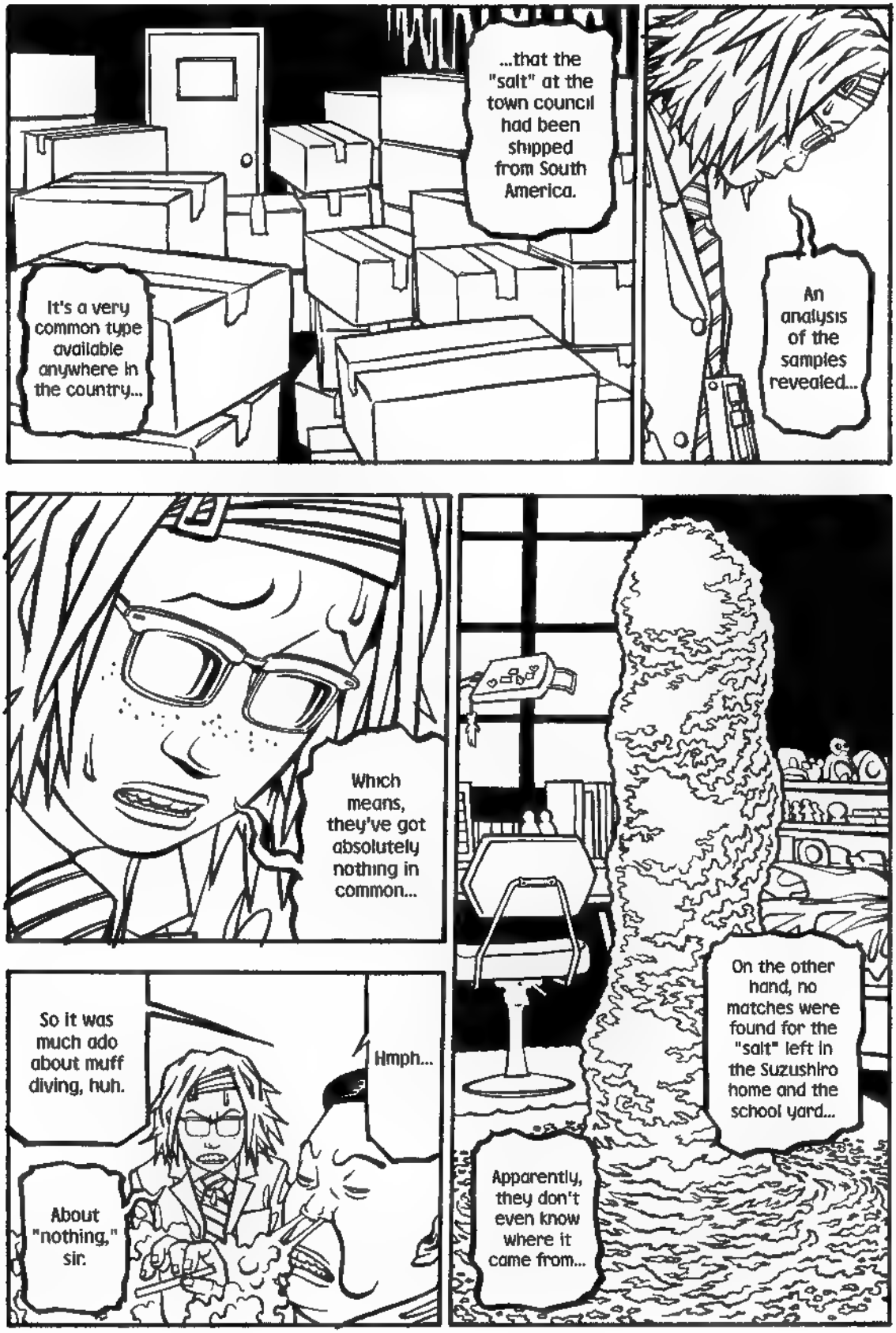
Block 1-14 [Later]

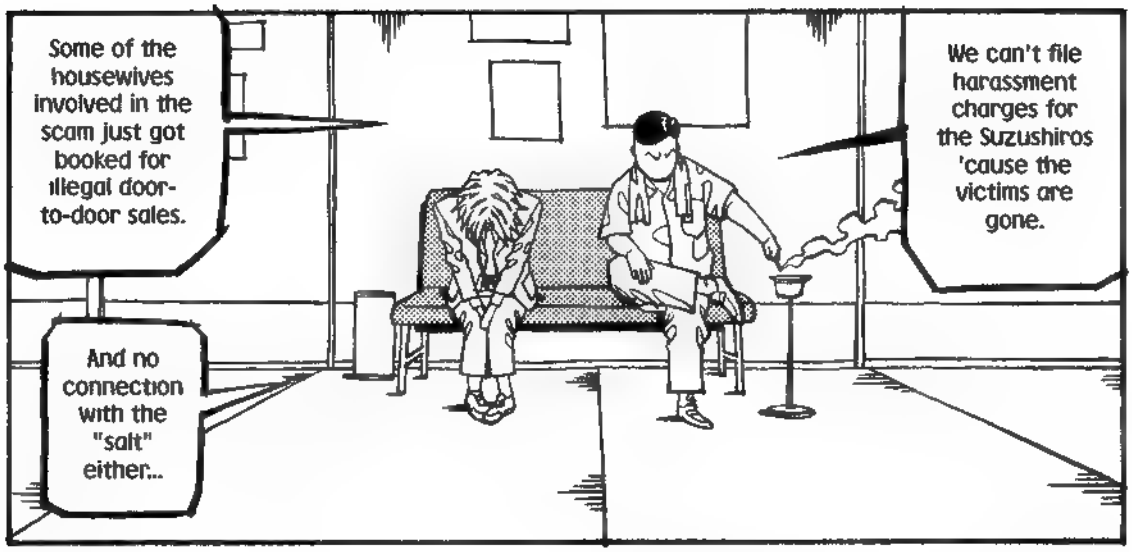


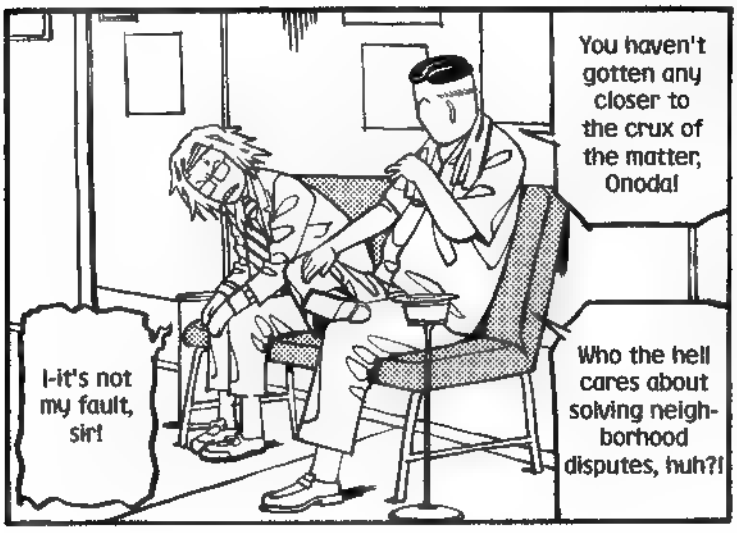
BLOCK 1-14

Nothing's happening at all...
It's too quiet...
But why...?!
Nothing...
Happened ...?


[Later]
Sai Surgical Hospital
そいろ外科医院
Sighhh
...
BEEP
...
Well?!
...
What'd the lab say?

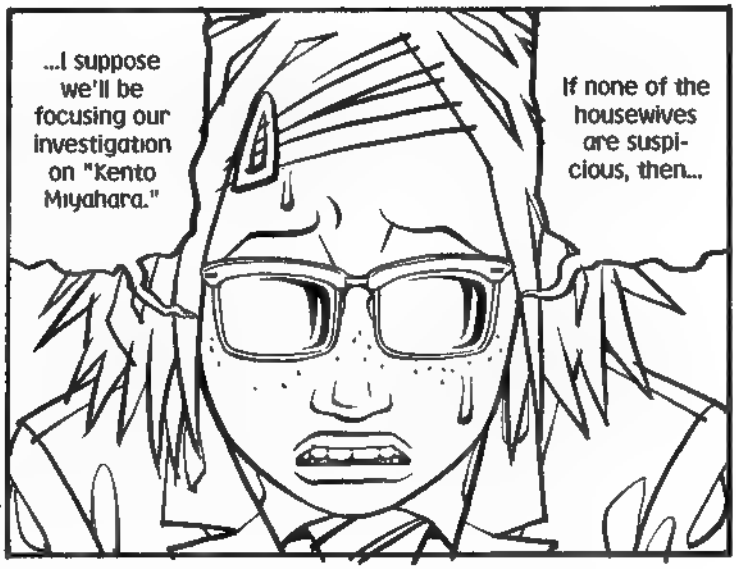

...that the "salt" at the town council had been shipped from South America.
It's a very common type available anywhere in the country...
An analysis of the samples revealed...
Which means, they've got absolutely nothing in common...
On the other hand, no matches were found for the "salt" left in the Suzushiro home and the school yard...
Apparently, they don't even know where it came from...
So it was much ado about muff diving, huh.
Hmph...
About "nothing," sir.


Some of the housewives involved in the scam just got booked for illegal door-to-door sales.
We can't file harassment charges for the Suzushiros 'cause the victims are gone.
And no connection with the "salt" either...


You haven't gotten any closer to the crux of the matter, Onoda!
I-it's not my fault, sir!
Who the hell cares about solving neighborhood disputes, huh?!

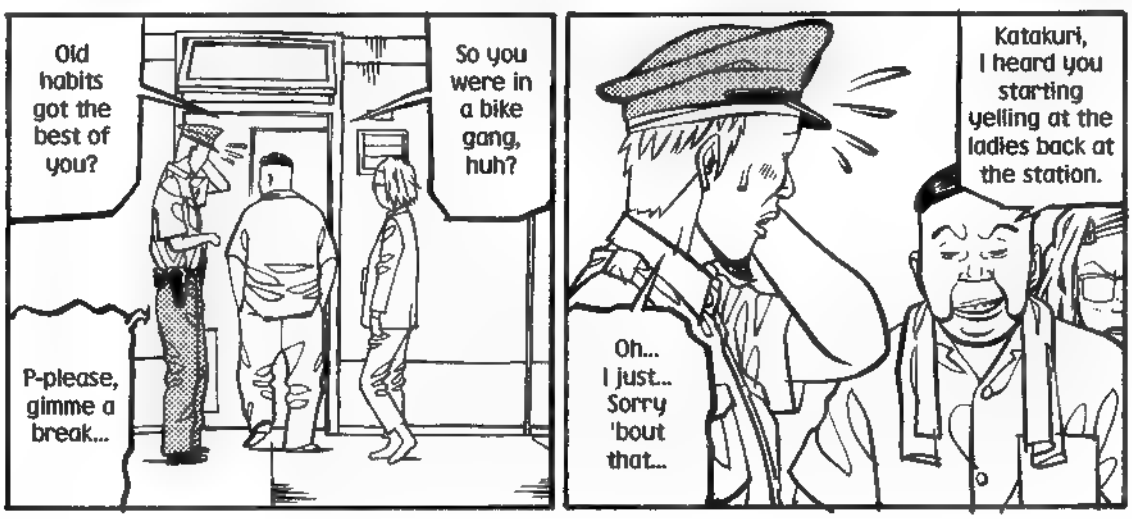
We made a huge fuss just for *this*?!

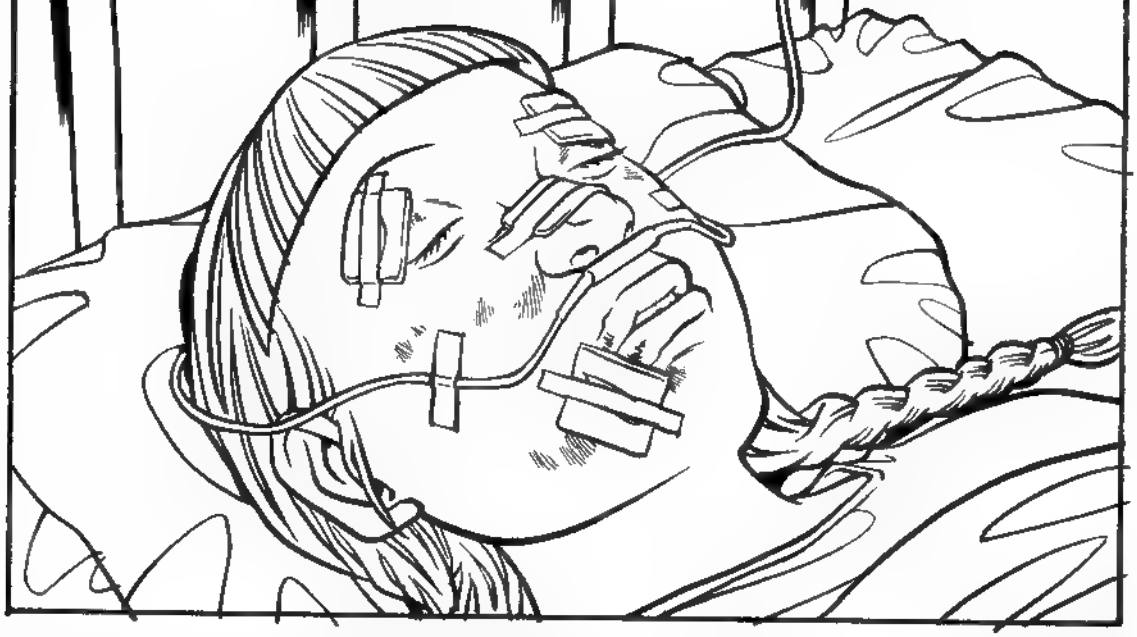
We have absolutely no clue, sir...
And? Where the hell is that brat?!

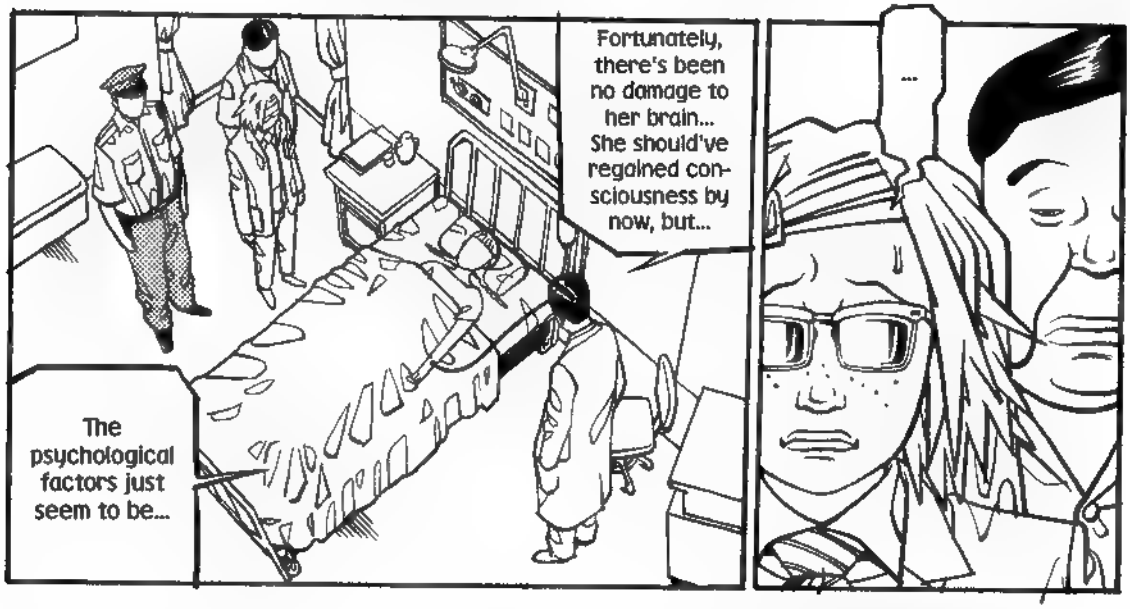

...I suppose we'll be focusing our investigation on "Kento Miyahara."
If none of the housewives are suspicious, then...

If we could only start questioning the mother...
...I-
...
I'm sorry...!
I'm sorry...!
I'm sorry...!

Please come in, Mr. Yokoi and Ms. Onoda.

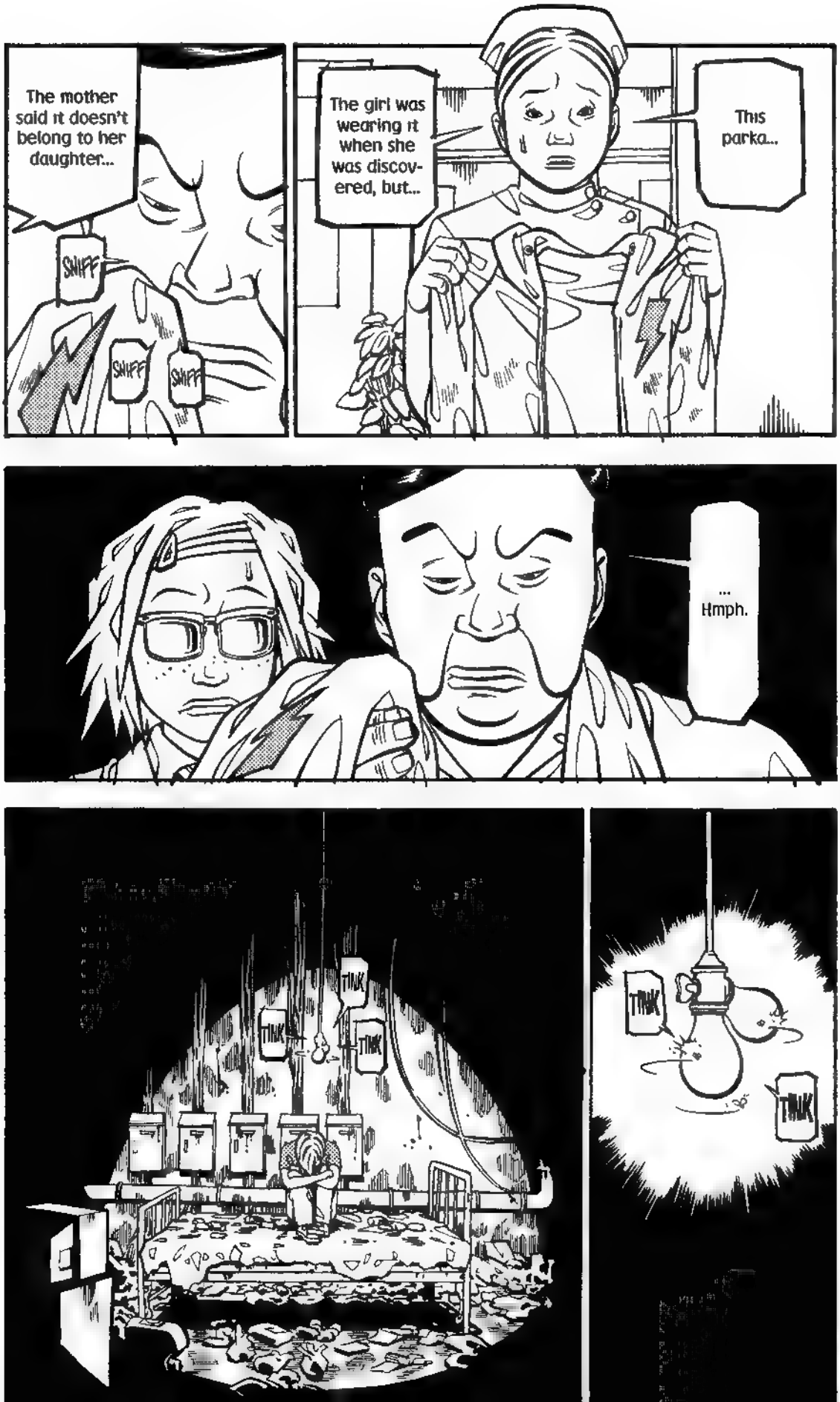

Old habits got the best of you?
So you were in a bike gang, huh?
P-please, gimme a break...
Katakuri, I heard you starting yelling at the ladies back at the station.
Oh... I just... Sorry 'bout that...



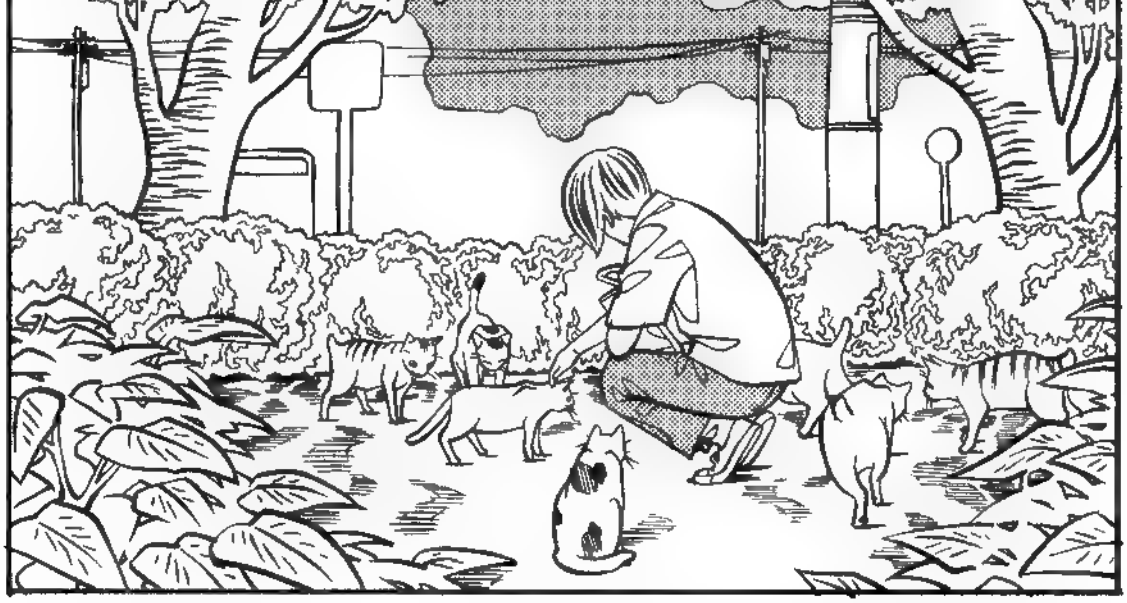

Fortunately, there's been no damage to her brain... She should've regained consciousness by now, but...
The psychological factors just seem to be...
...

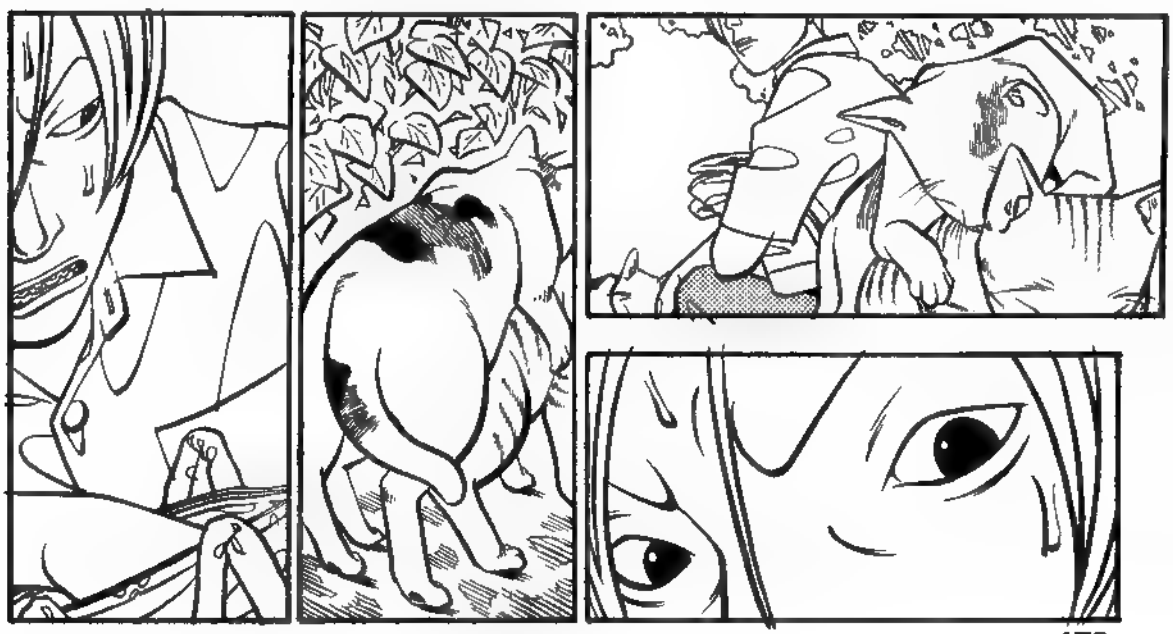
...but these stupid cases keep popping up left and right!
Geez, we haven't gotten any leads on the main case...
She must've been raped after being beaten...
... Poor girl...

Huh? Oh... Yes, sir!
PAT
Go see if there are any witnesses, Katakuri.
C-c-c-c-calling this a stupid case is...!
S-S-S-S-Sergeant Yokoi! I-I-I-I can't overlook that statement!
Let's go, Onoda.
S-S-S-S-S-Sergeant Yokoi—!
Umm... Detectives...


The mother said it doesn't belong to her daughter...
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
The girl was wearing it when she was discovered, but...
This parka...
...
Hmph.
TINK
TINK
TINK
TINK
TINK

So the person who took you from me...
...wasn't someone from this town...?
Why...?
Why hasn't anything happened ...?
Then who...?
8th Grade, Class C
Mizuki Suzushiro
Who took you away...?
Where are you...
Mizuki...
...
Mizuki...
Mizuki...





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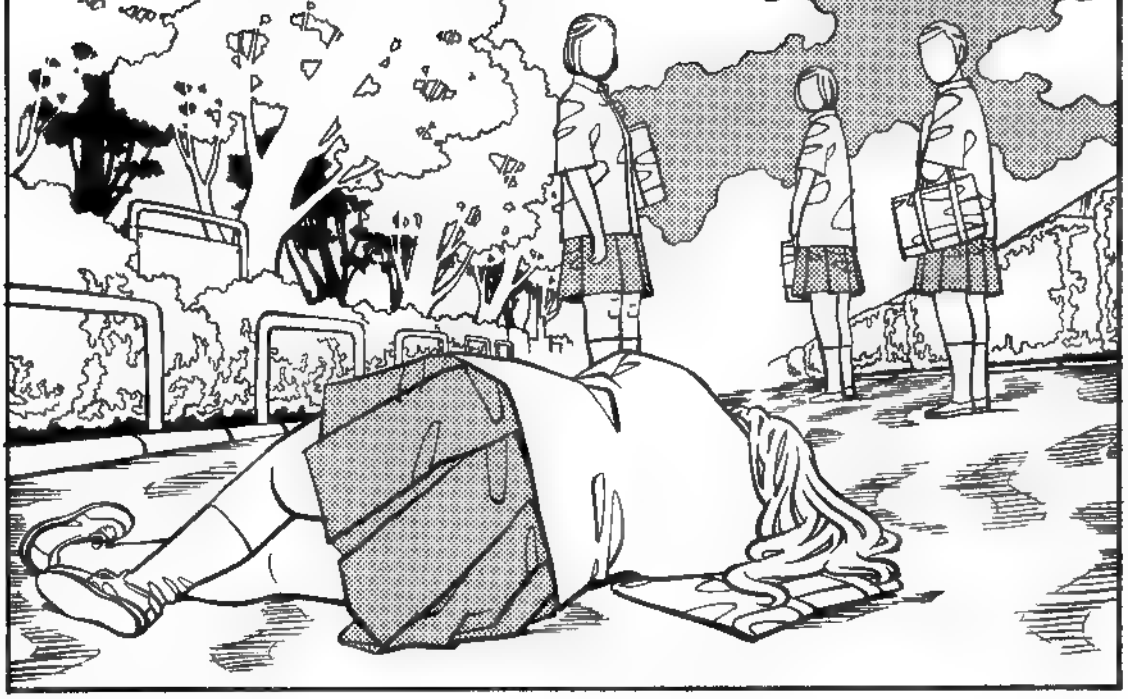


SWEEP
SWEEP

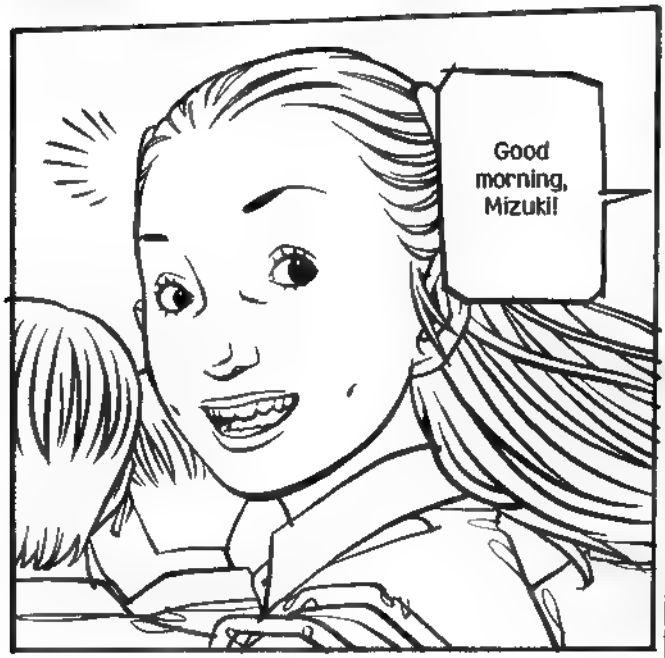
Oh, not again...
Hasn't *this* happened a bit too often these days?
What should we do?

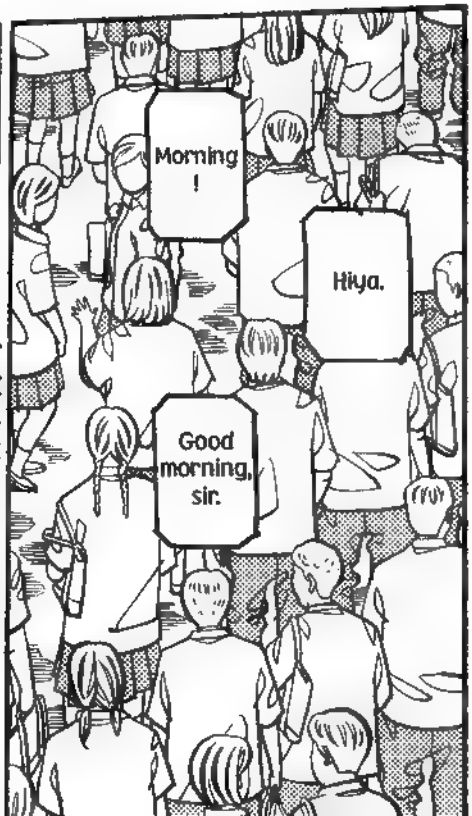
...?

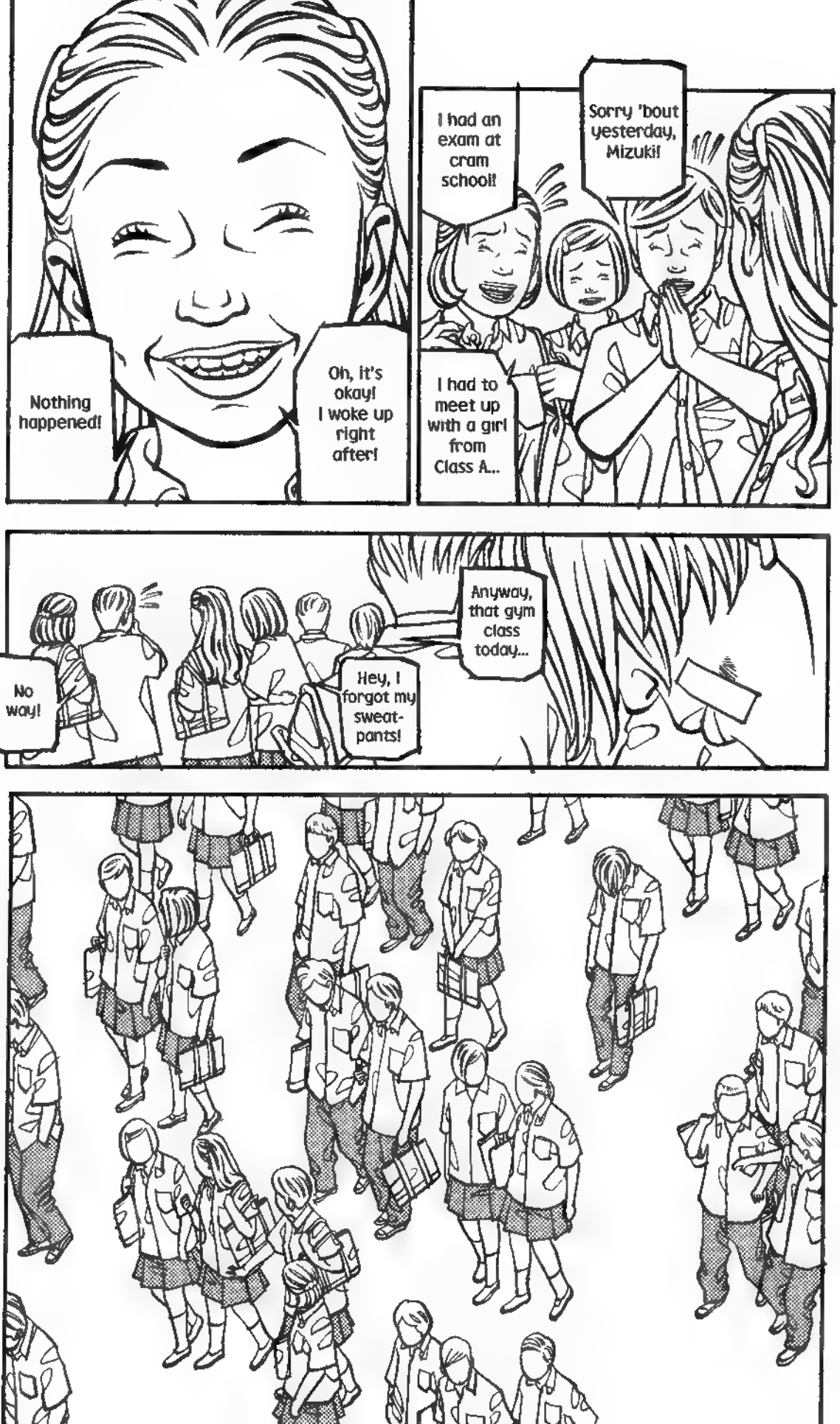
Good night—
Sorry, Mizuki.
Ah hah hah!
...
C'mon, let's just go.
It's okay, right?
Let's go.
...
?!

Oww!
Wha...?!
SLIT
OW!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Fucking ...!
Brat!
What the hell?!
Wha... What the...?
Fucking brat!
You little...!
Fucking brat!


Good morning, Mizuki!


Morning!
Hiya.
Good morning, sir.


Nothing happened!
Oh, it's okay! I woke up right after!
I had an exam at cram school!
Sorry 'bout yesterday, Mizuki!
I had to meet up with a girl from Class A...
No way!
Hey, I forgot my sweat-pants!
Anyway, that gym class today...

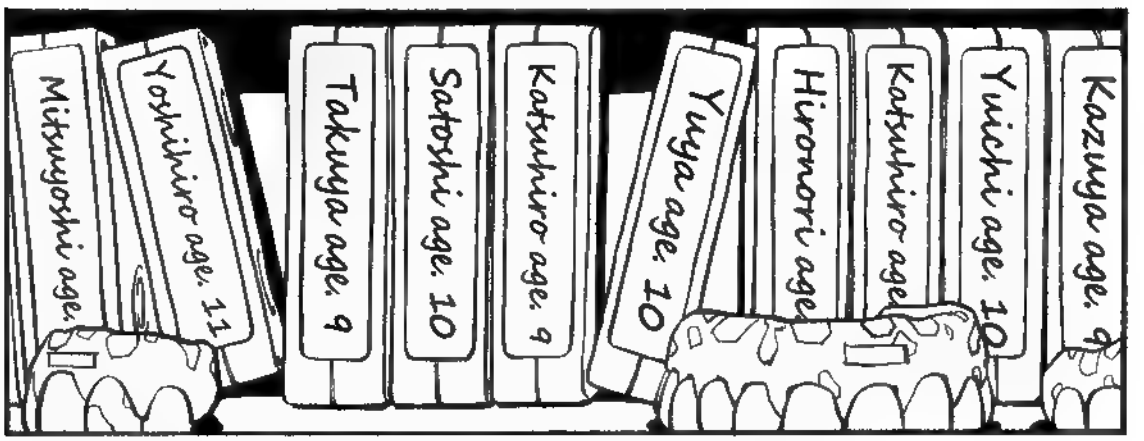
GRIT
GRIT
GRIT
8th Grade, Class B
Kenbo Miyahara

Please stop poking, okay!
GRIT
GRIT
GRIT
Hey, Mr. Tamura!

Huh?

Hi, this is Tamura.
RRRING
RRRING
The lock's been broken.
A treasure box?
MPD
More video tapes?
Huh?
Yes, Kento Miyahara's room...
We found them inside...
There was a suspicious-looking safe in the council president's dental clinic...

And these had neat labels written on them...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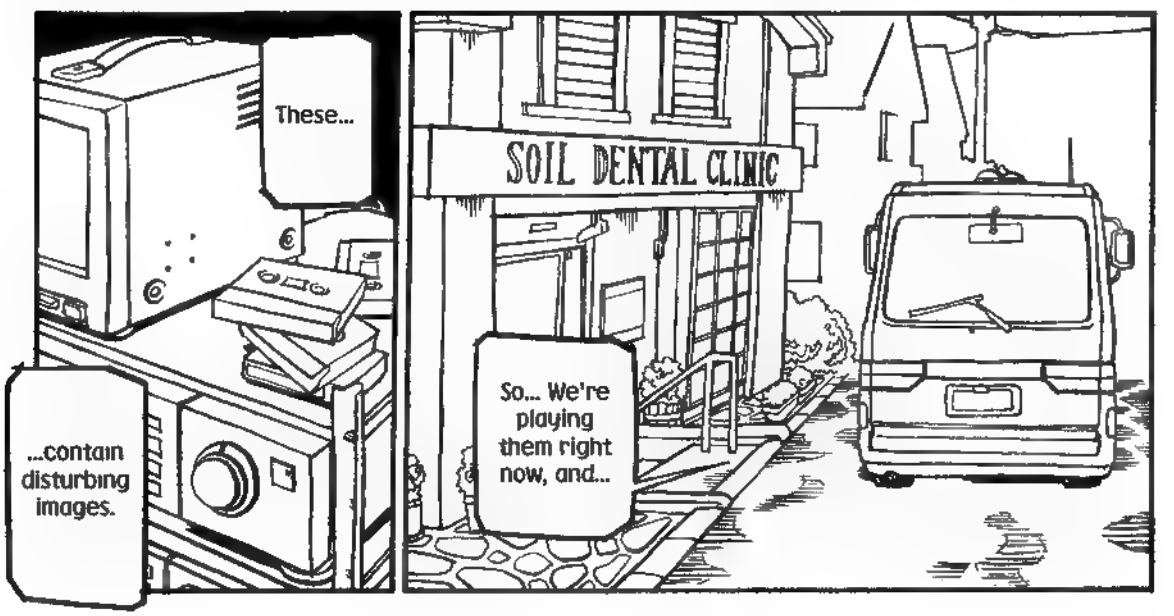
SOIL DENTAL CLINIC
So... We're playing them right now, and...
These...
...contain disturbing images.

MPD
MPD
MPD
Very...
...disturbing images.
We've got one here, too...
Kento age. 9

SOIL
Block 1-14 [End]

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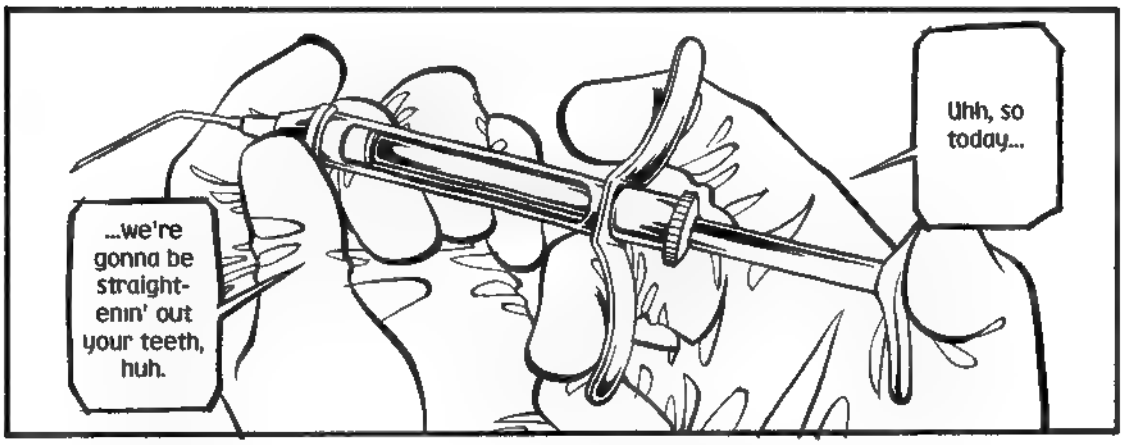
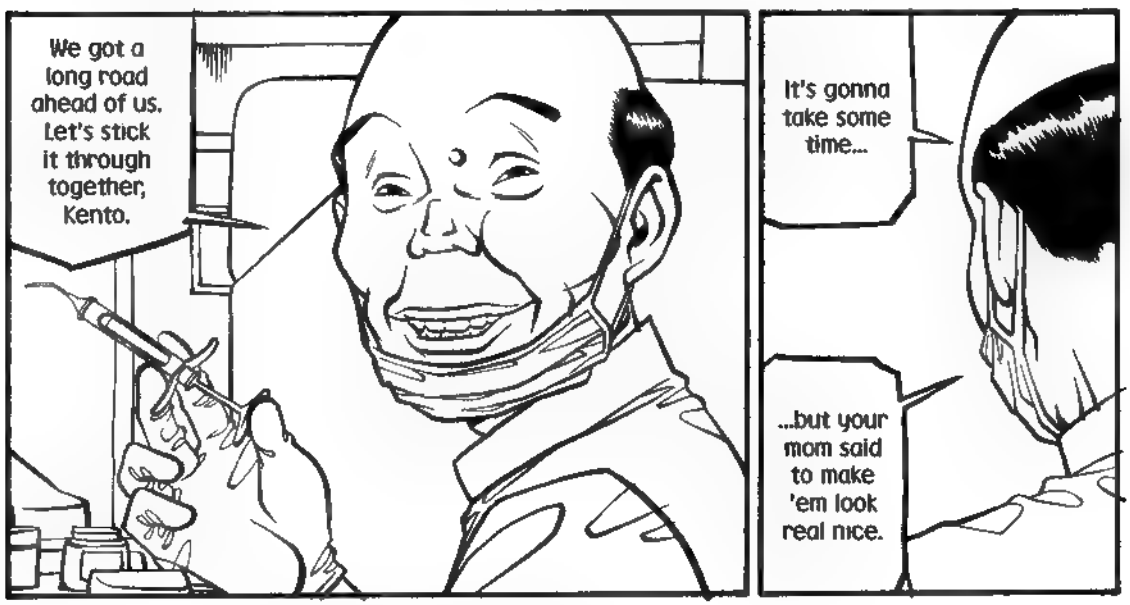
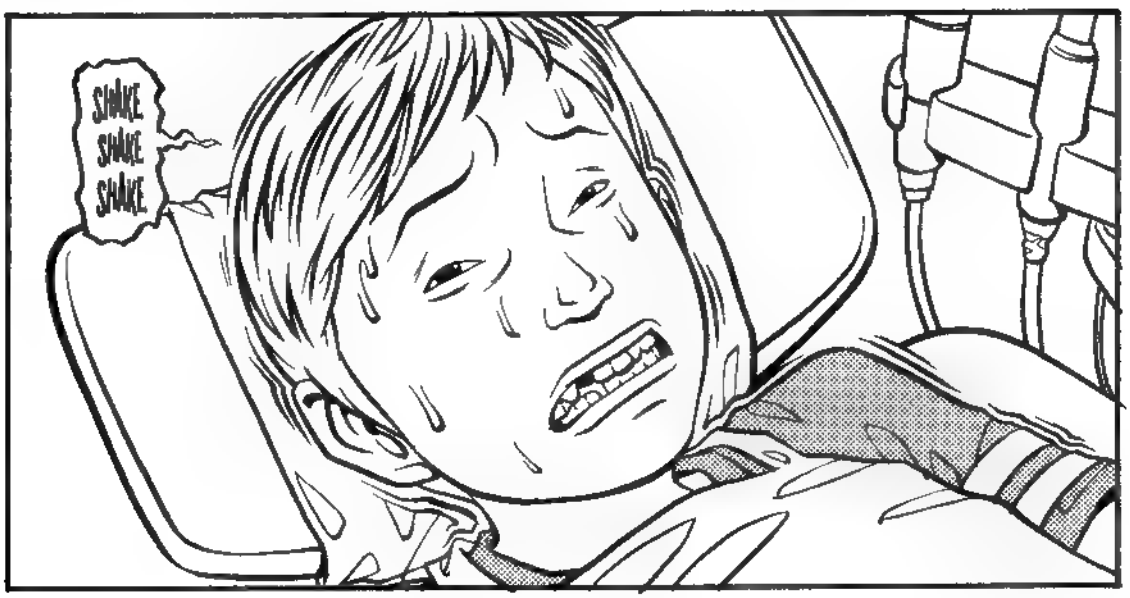
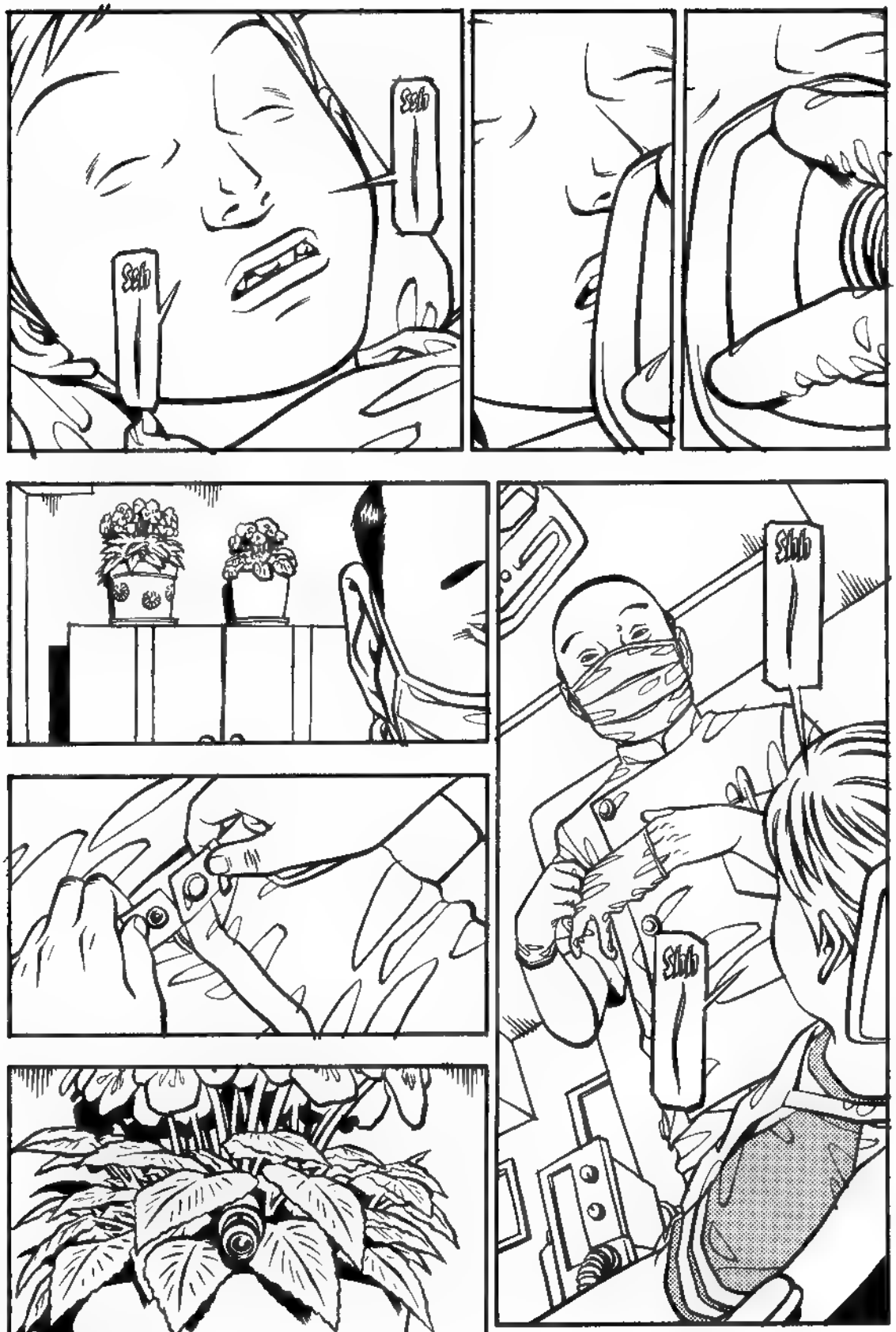

Uhh, so today...
...we're gonna be straight-enin' out your teeth, huh.


We got a long road ahead of us. Let's stick it through together, Kento.
It's gonna take some time...
...but your mom said to make 'em look real nice.


SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

Right, thanks.
Okay, goodbye Doctor.
What's wrong, Kento? You're in 4th grade, but you're still scared of the dentist?
I-I'm not scared!
We can use this thing if you're afraid o' shots.
Hey, Kento.
...
It's an anesthetic that doesn't hurt.
It's called laughin' gas.
... What's that...?

Oh, so you are afraid of shots, huh.
Really?! Then I wanna do that!
Breathe in deeply...
You can go to sleep if you want.
BLOCK 1-15
It'll all be over when you wake up...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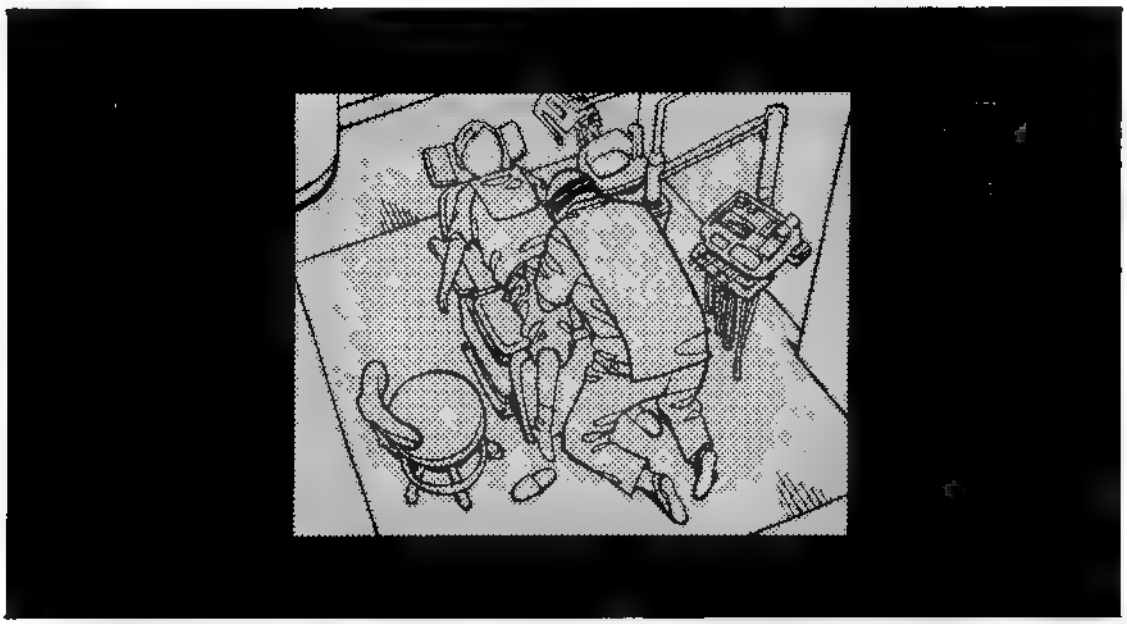

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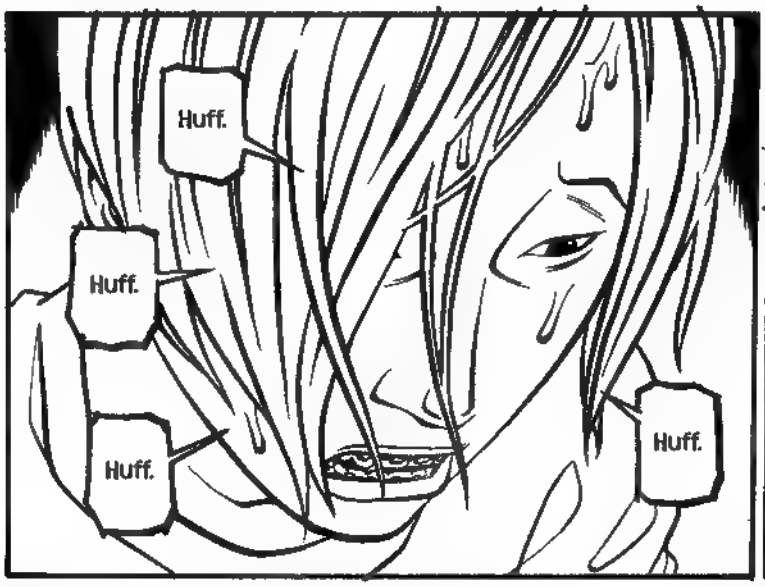
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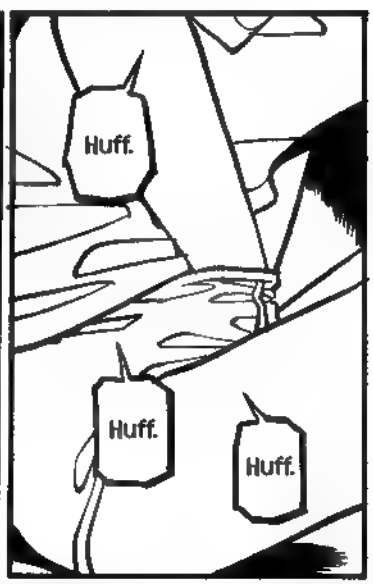
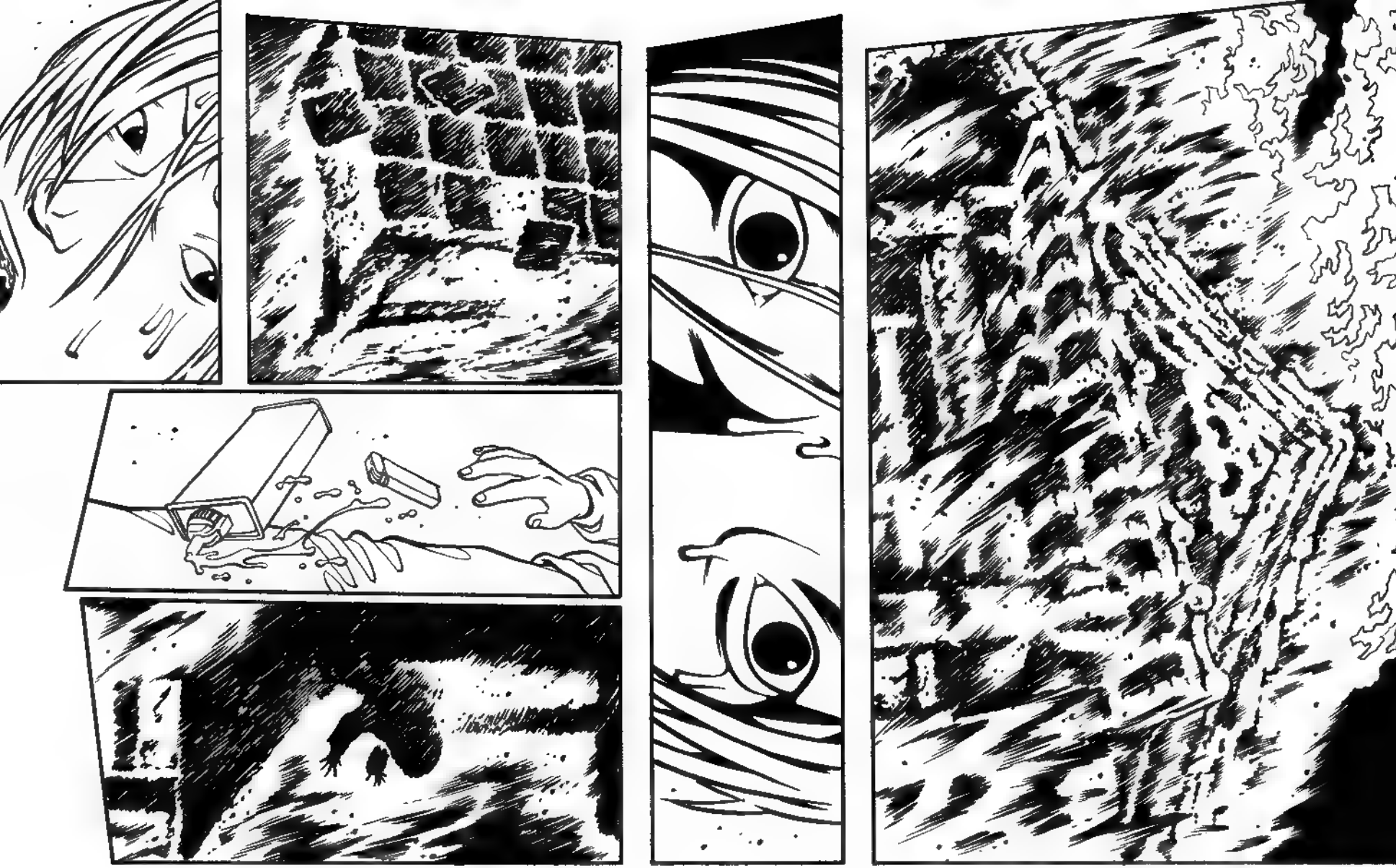

Huff.
Huff.
Huff.

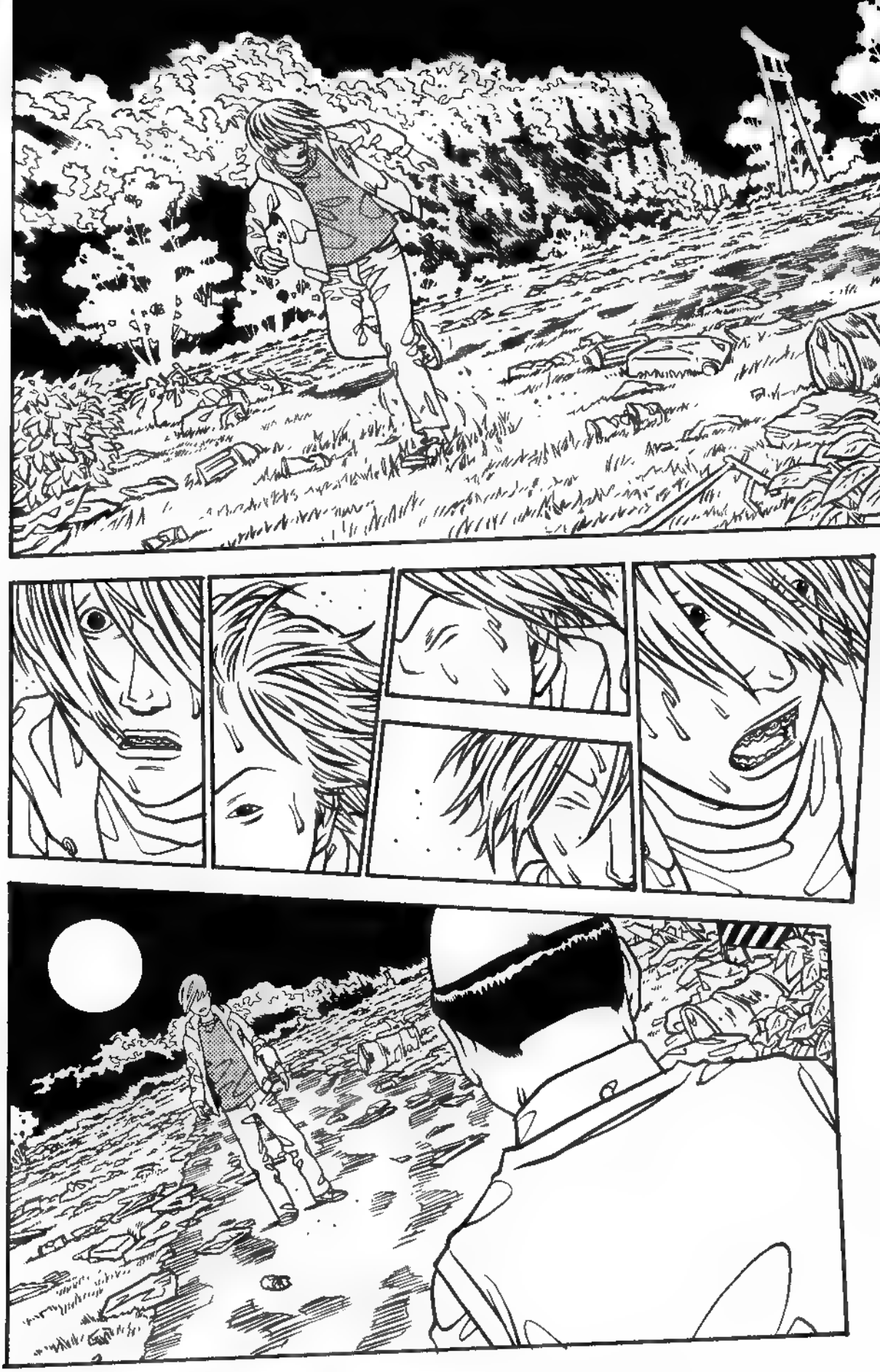
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

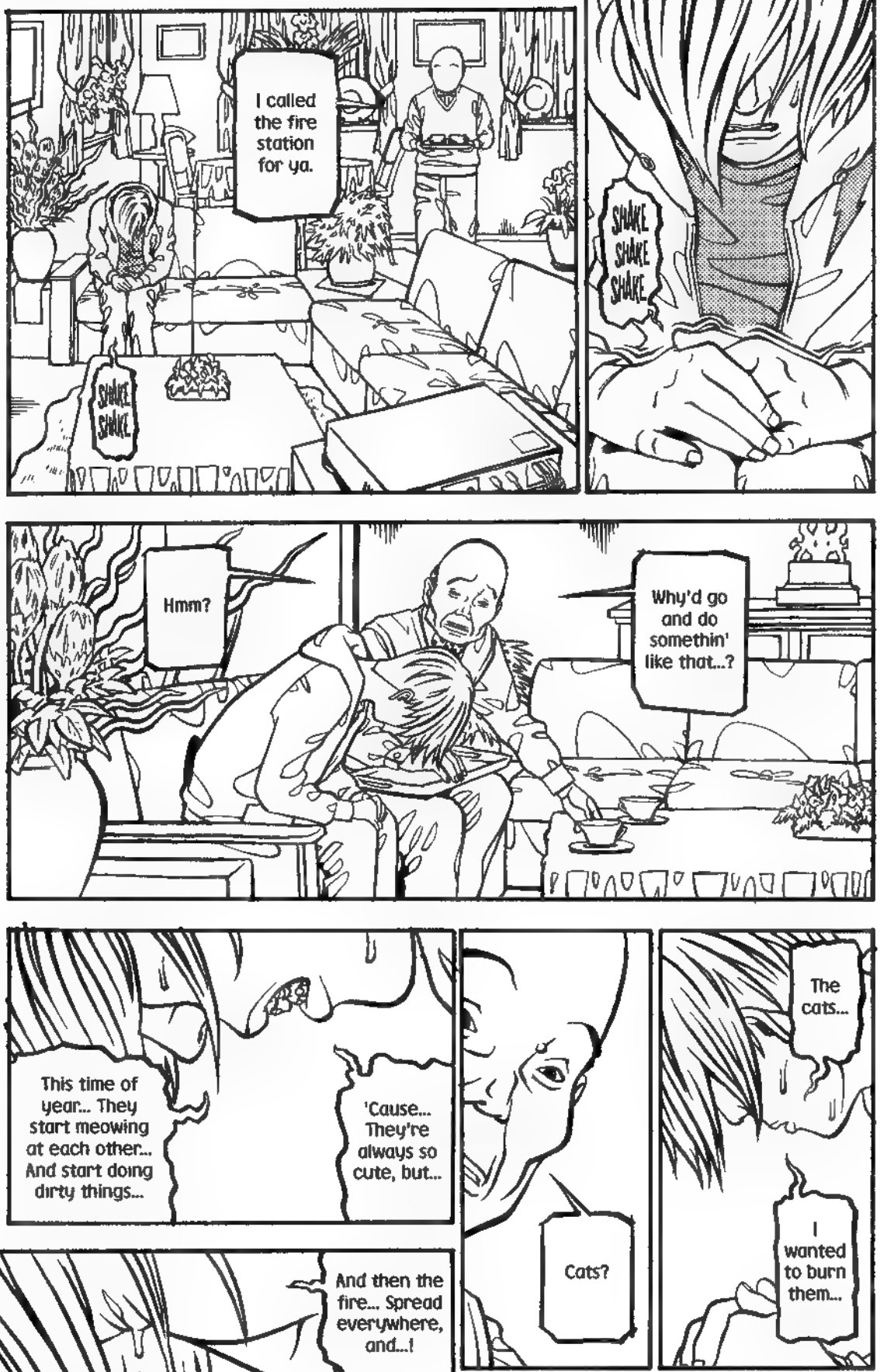
CLICK

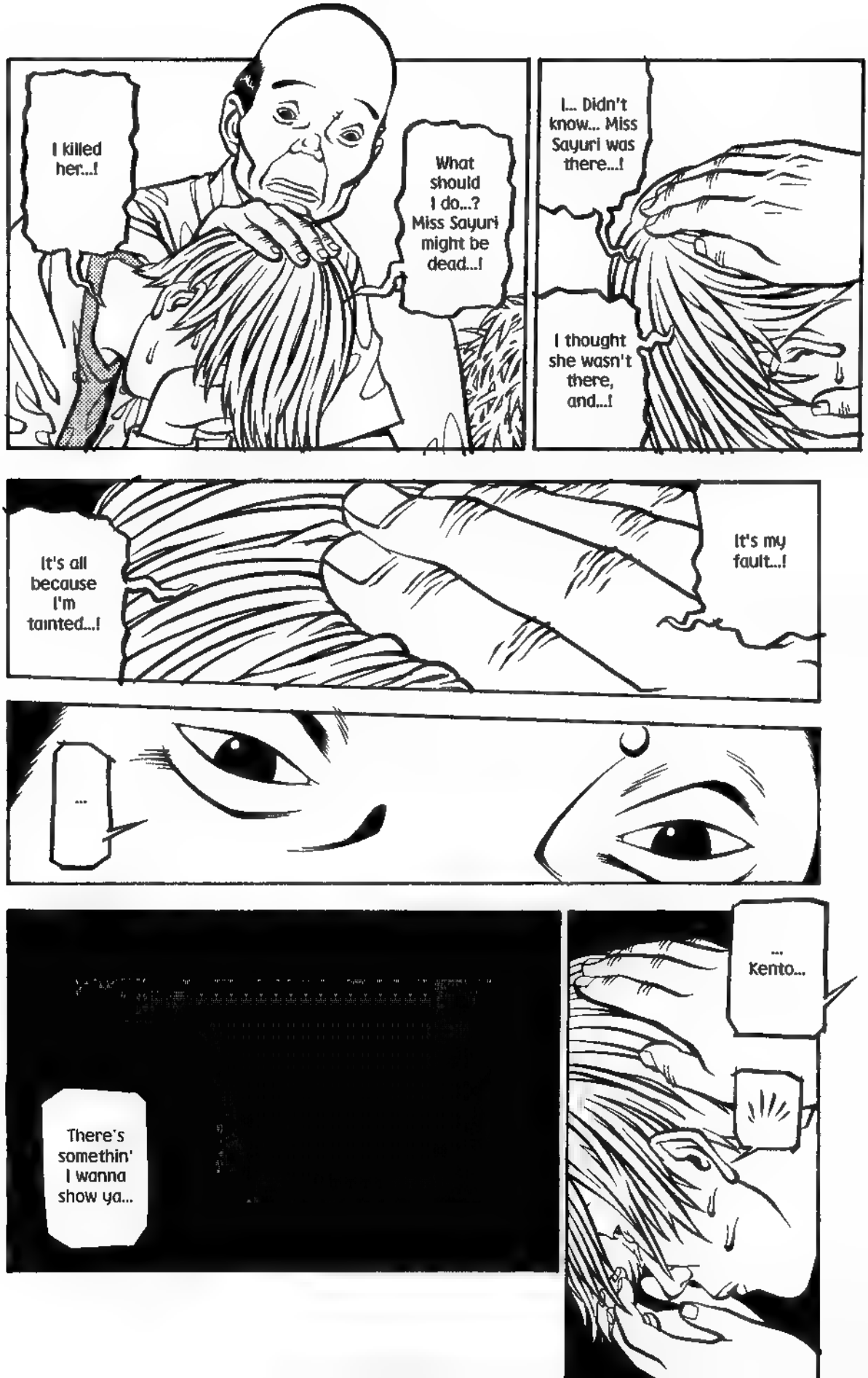
You don't know...
...why you hurt yourself?
You can start with anything you want.
You decided to come to counseling on your own, didn't you?
...
Look, Kento...
I can't help you unless you tell me something.
...

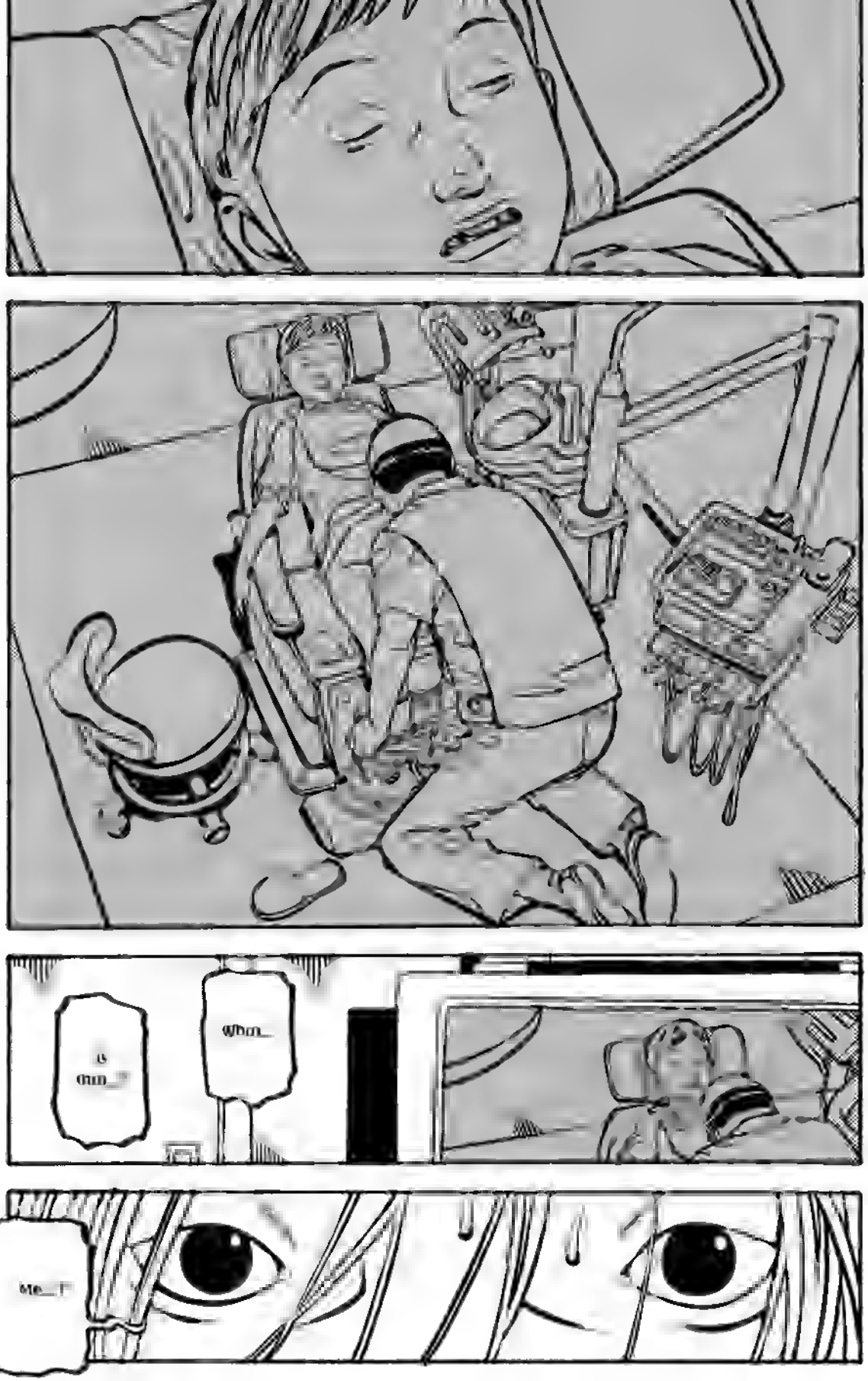
So... I have to punish myself...
... I'm tainted...
Like something that happened when you were little...?
Is there anything that you can think of?
No... Nothing...
I've tried... But I can't think of anything...
Why would you do such a thing...?
I just know I have to do it...
But for some reason...






I called the fire station for ya.
SHAKE SHAKE
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
Hmm?
Why'd go and do somethin' like that...?
This time of year... They start meowing at each other... And start doing dirty things...
'Cause... They're always so cute, but...
Cats?
The cats...
I wanted to burn them...
And then the fire... Spread everywhere, and...!


I killed her...!
What should I do...? Miss Sayuri might be dead...!
I... Didn't know... Miss Sayuri was there...!
I thought she wasn't there, and...!
It's all because I'm tainted...!
It's my fault...!
...
There's somethin' I wanna show ya...
... Kento...



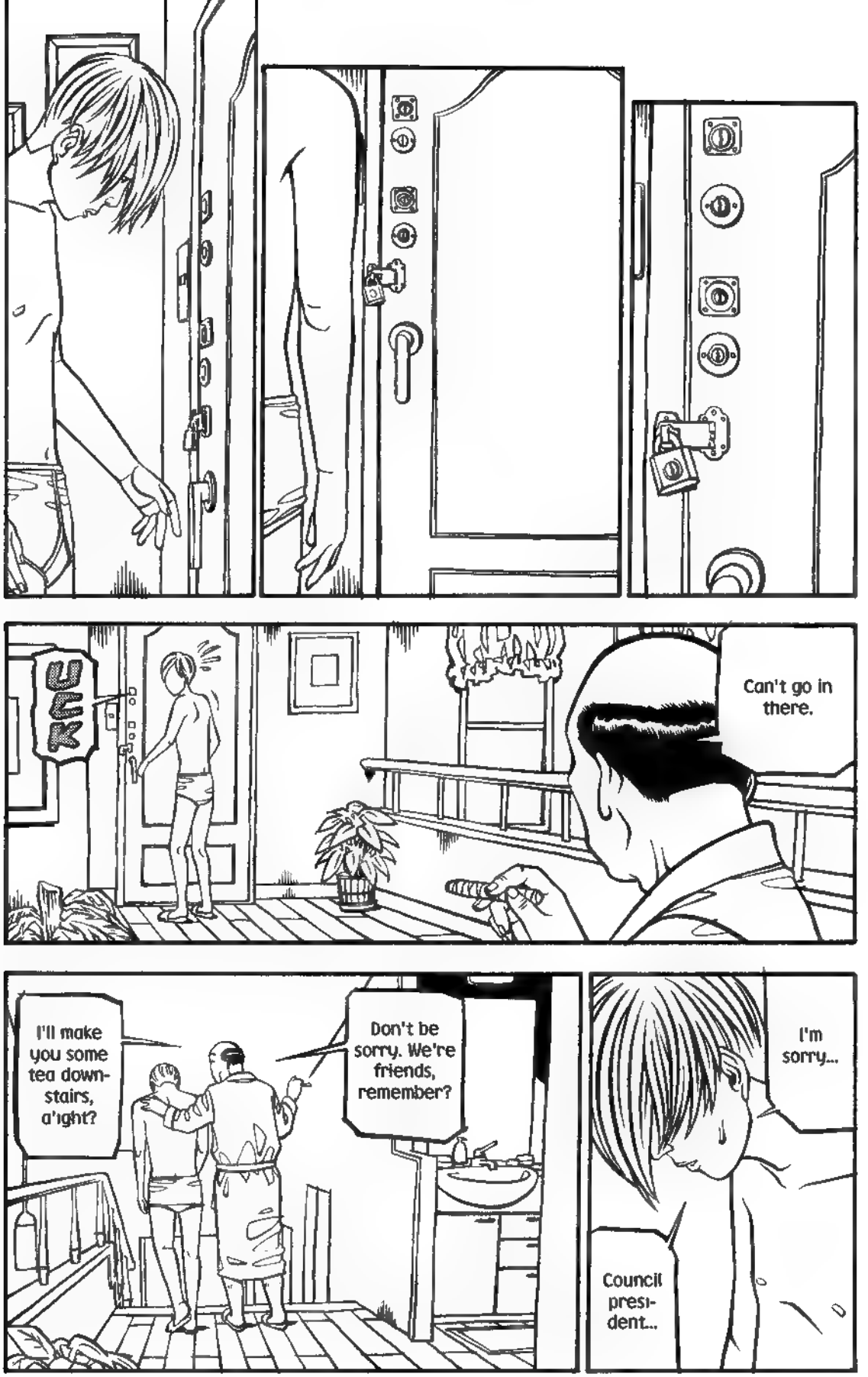
You know what we were doin'?
!!
Hey, Kento...
...
Somethin' terrible and dirty...
Somethin' very very sinful.
It's somethin' reeeeally bad.
So let's make this our own little secret.
I won't tell nobody.
Let's be friends.

...from our sins no more.
We can't run...

Oh Kento, you're back?
Thanks for stopping by the grocery.
The chicken was on sale.

Can you wait a little longer for dinner?
I want to get this last bit of work done.

Kento.
Sure.
Don't worry about me.
It's just the two of us in this family.
You can tell me if there's something you're worried about.
Yeah...
Are you doing alright?
I'm fine...
... Yeah.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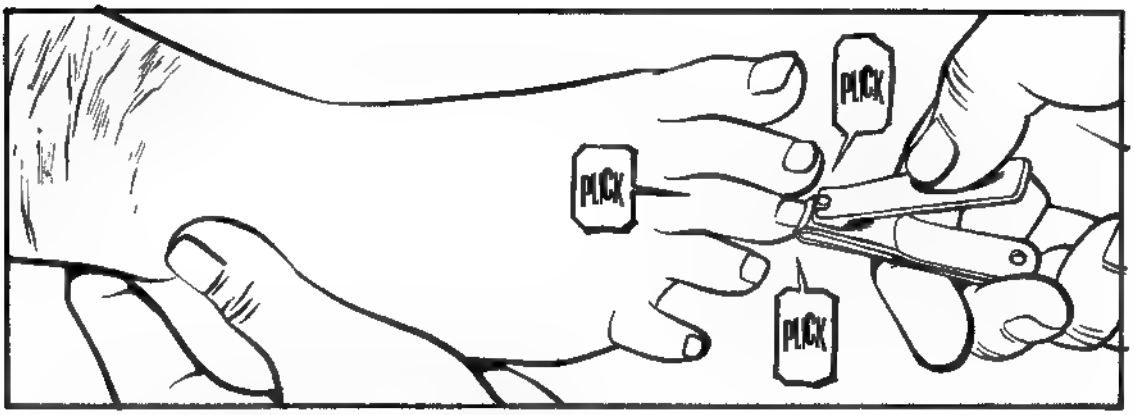
Can't go in there.
I'll make you some tea down-stairs, a'ight?
Don't be sorry. We're friends, remember?
I'm sorry...
Council presi-dent...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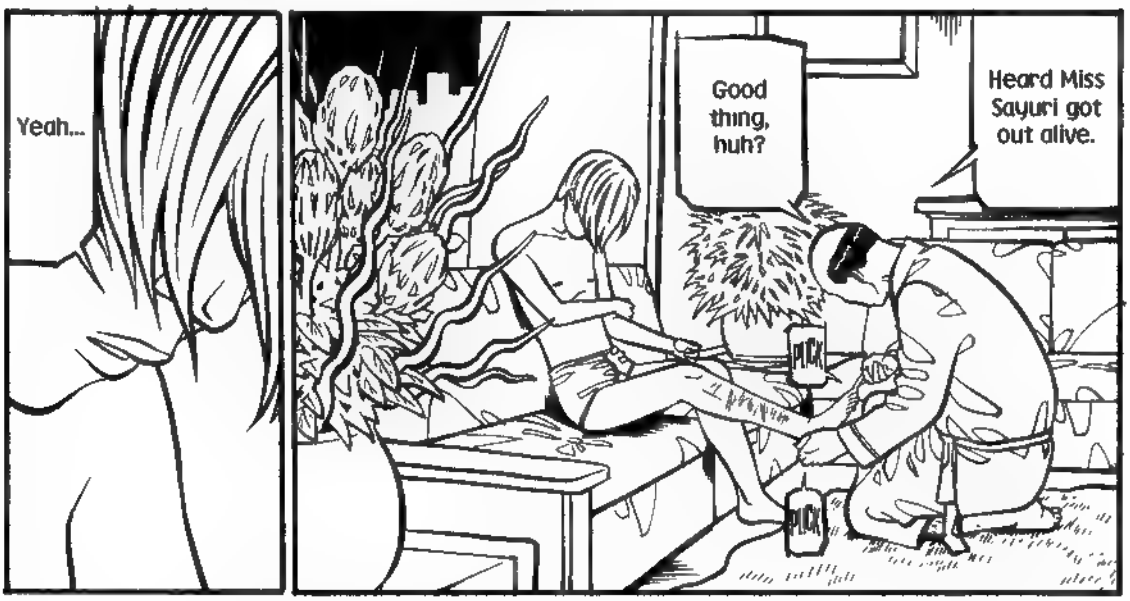
Yeah...
Good thing, huh?
Heard Miss Sayuri got out alive.
PLCK
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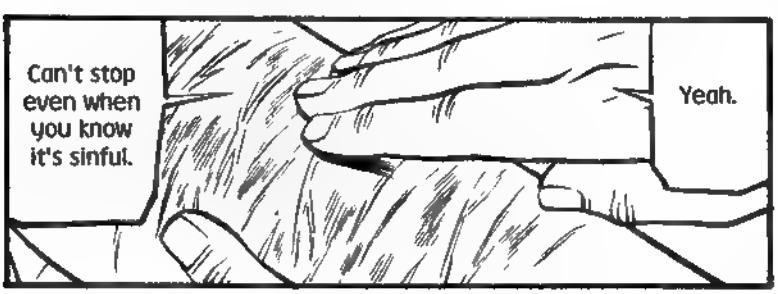
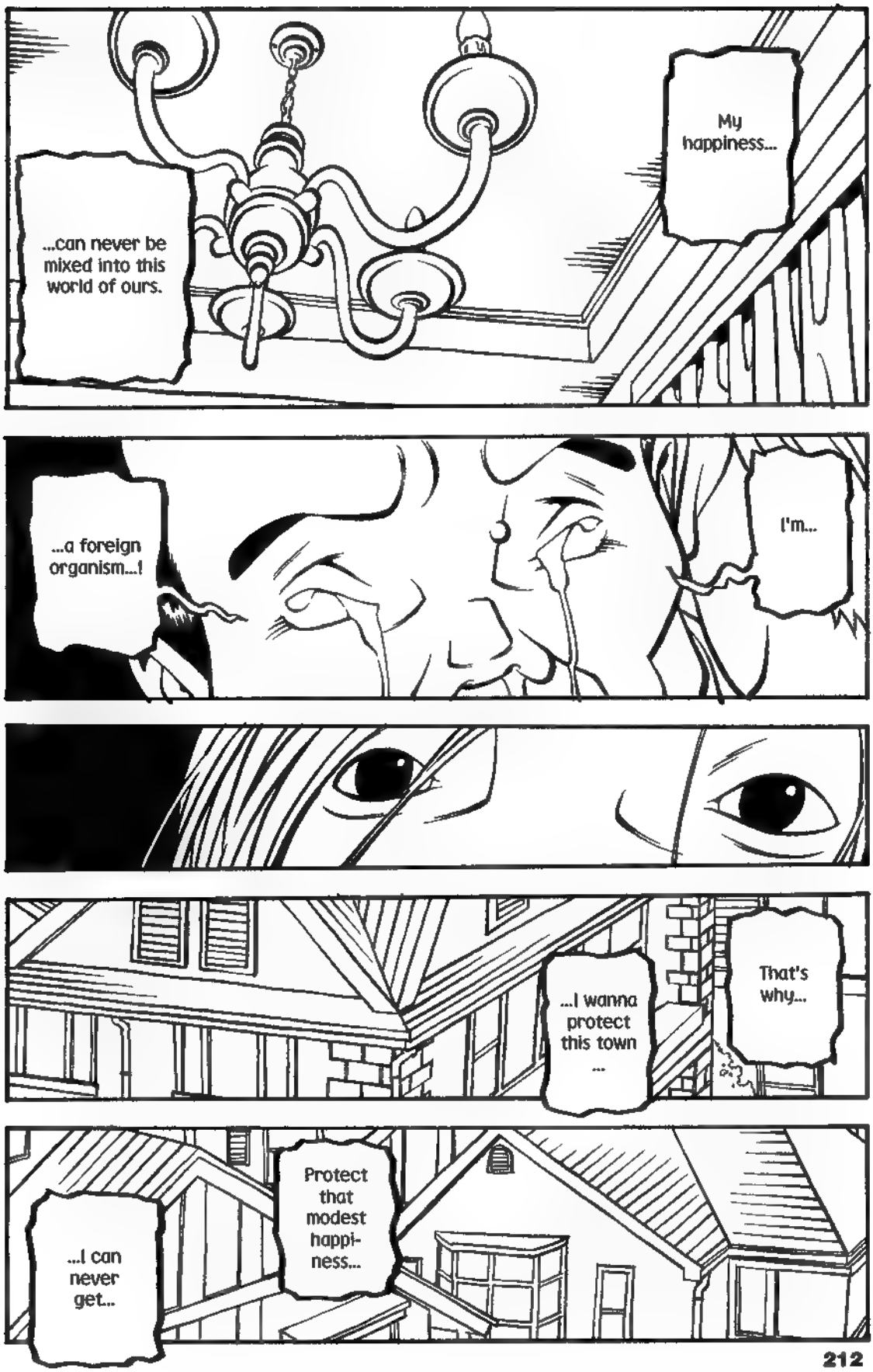
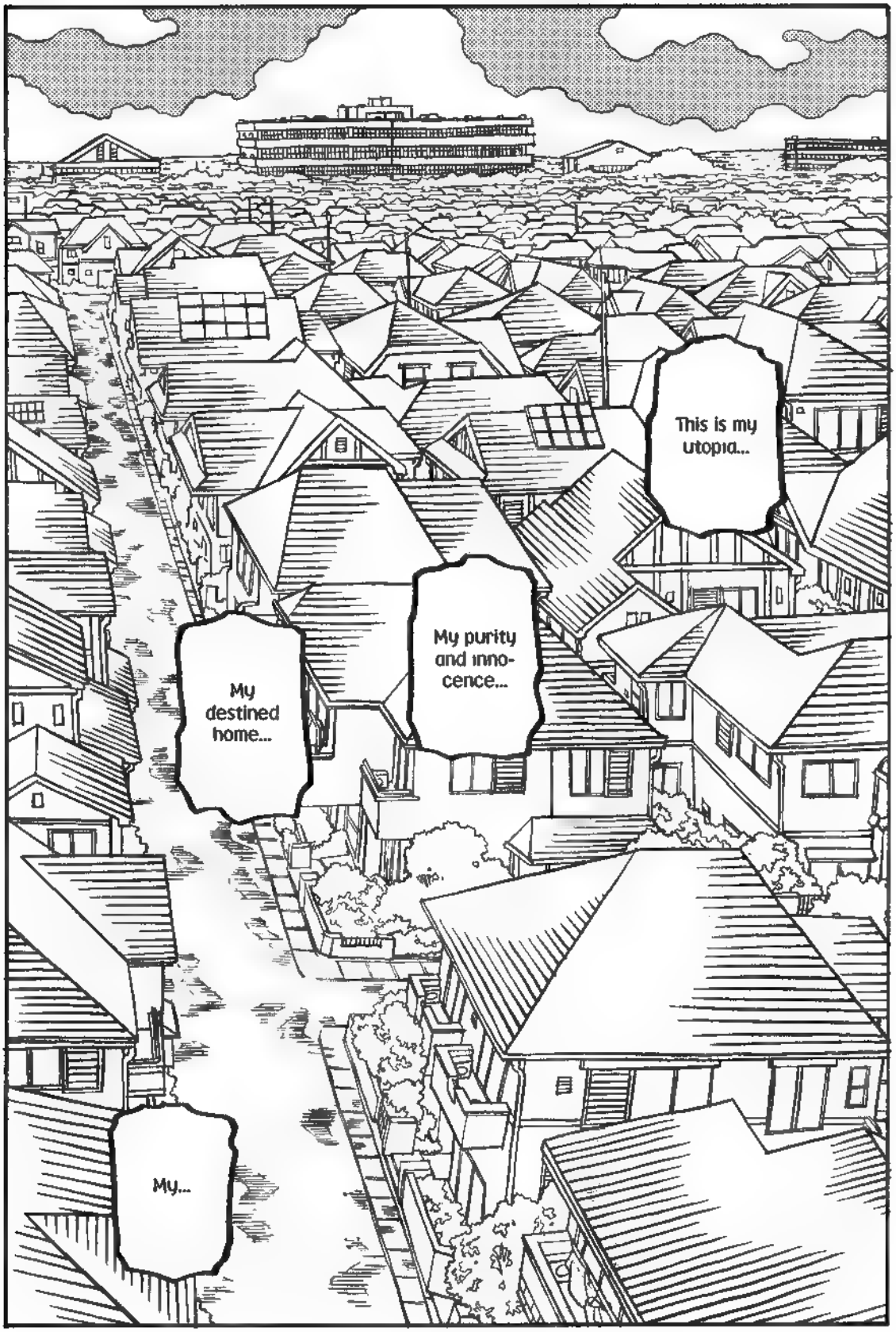
So I punish myself each time...
But... I just can't stop *doing it* by myself...

I feel bad for your beautiful body.
You gotta stop doing this to yourself.


Can't stop even when you know it's sinful.
Yeah.

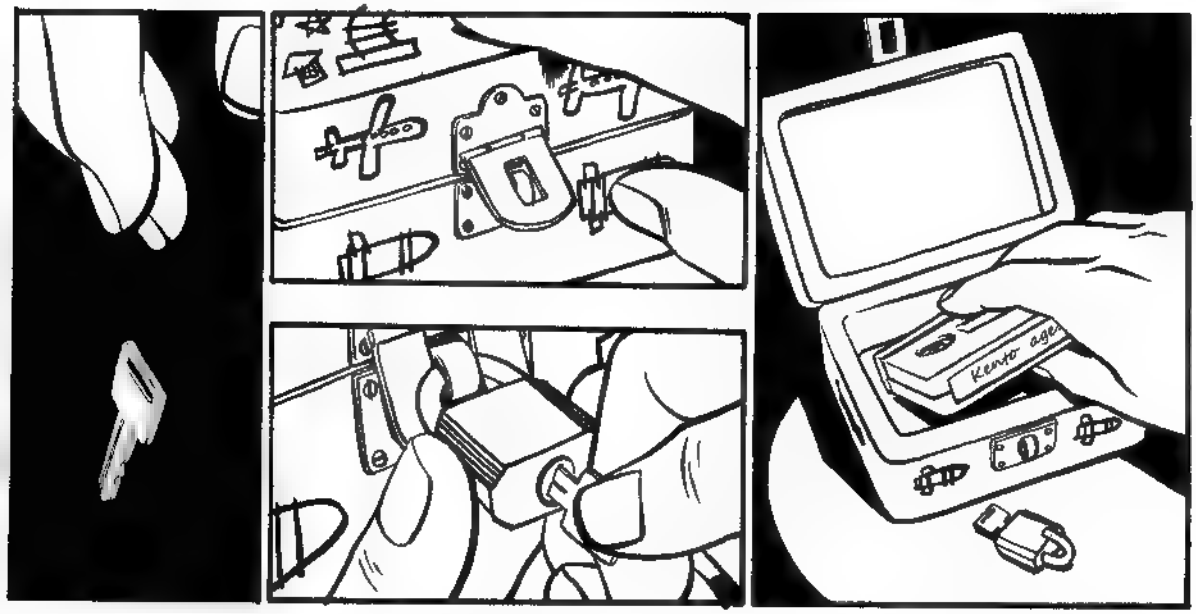
You see, Kento...
I can't keep myself from doing this...
...
Nah...
You can't stop 'cause you know it's sinful...
I can't live without it...
This terrible sin...
I know...
I've known this whole time...
Ugh...!

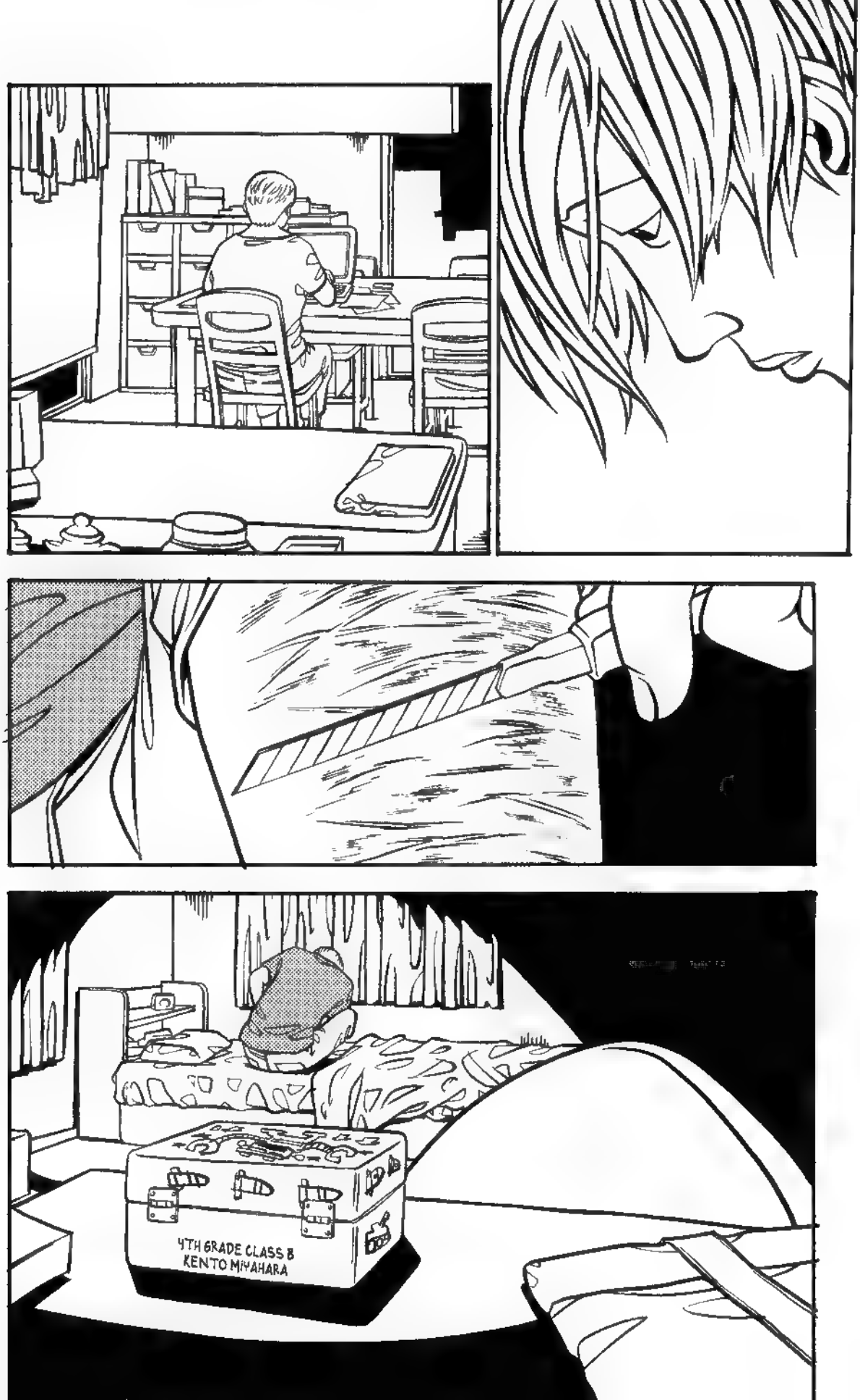

My happiness...
...can never be mixed into this world of ours.
I'm...
...a foreign organism...!
That's why...
...I wanna protect this town ...
Protect that modest happi-ness...
...I can never get...


This is my utopia...
My purity and innocence...
My destined home...
My...

Kento...
Here.
I wanna be real friends with you, Kento.
...
Real friends on equal terms.
Huh...?
I want you to keep this.
Sign of our friendship.
So you keep this and don't show it to anyone.
I ain't gonna say nothin' 'bout the fire.

Now we're partners sharin' the same secret.
Kento age. 9


Kento age


4TH GRADE CLASS 8
KENTO MIYAHARA

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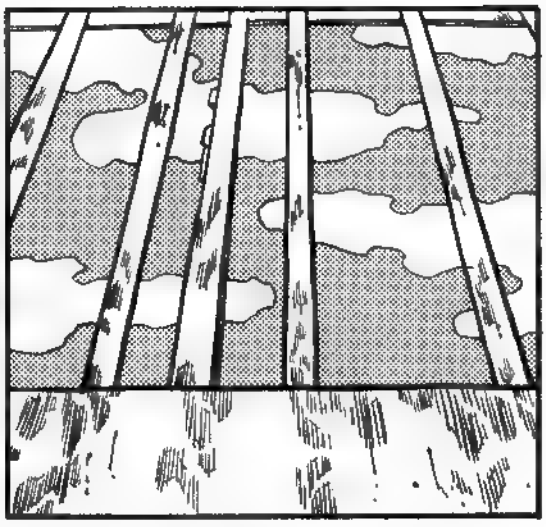

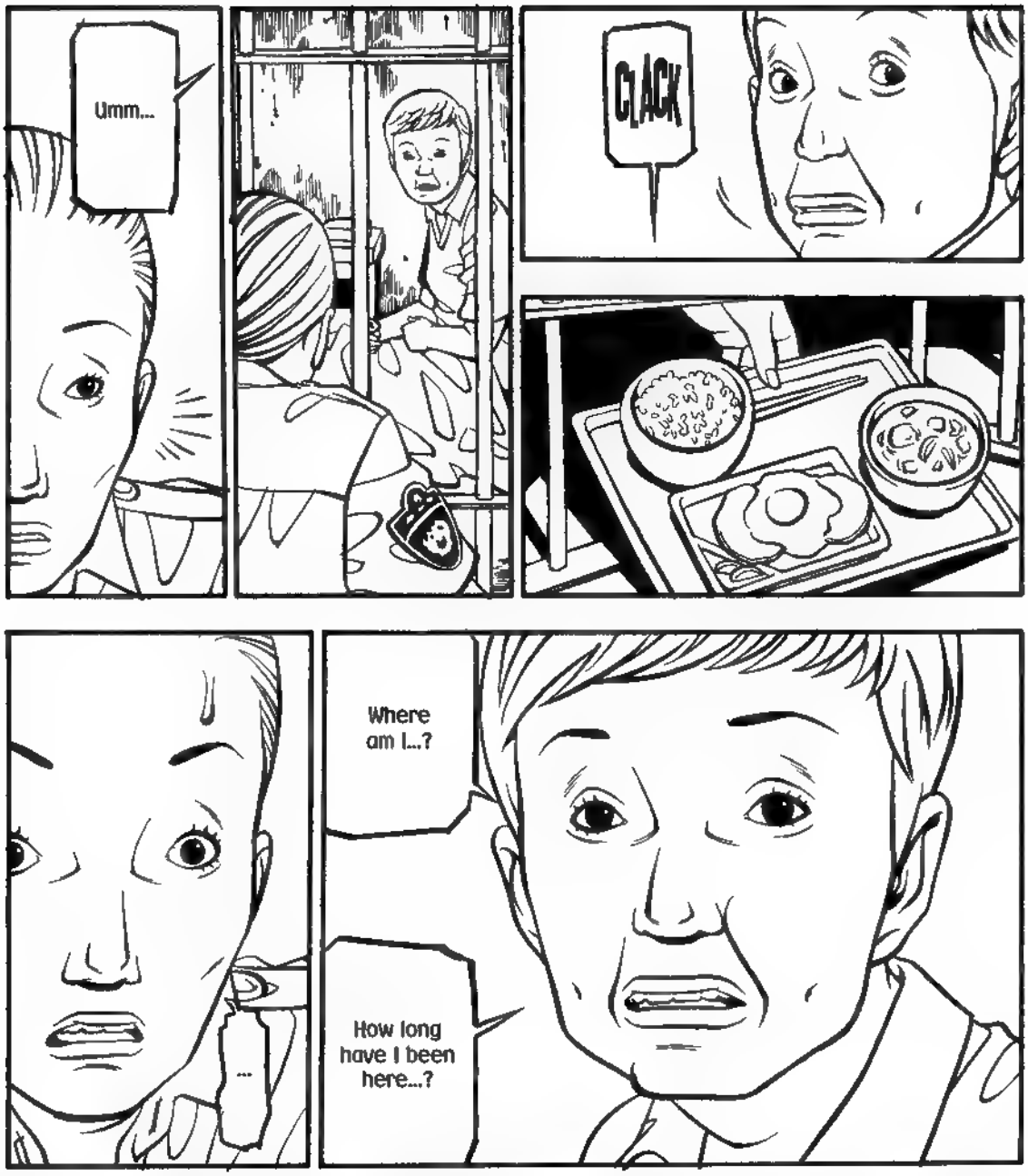

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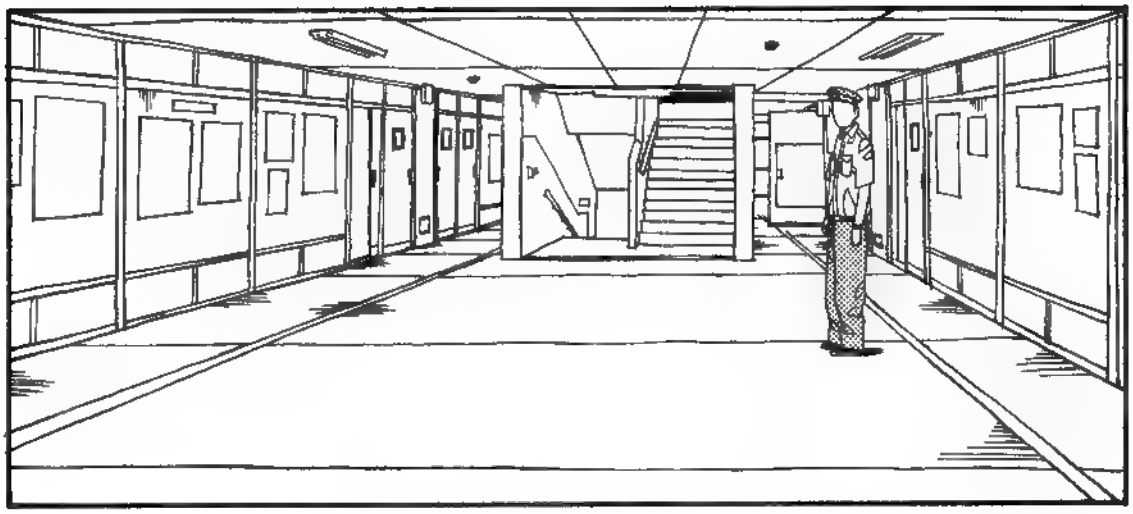
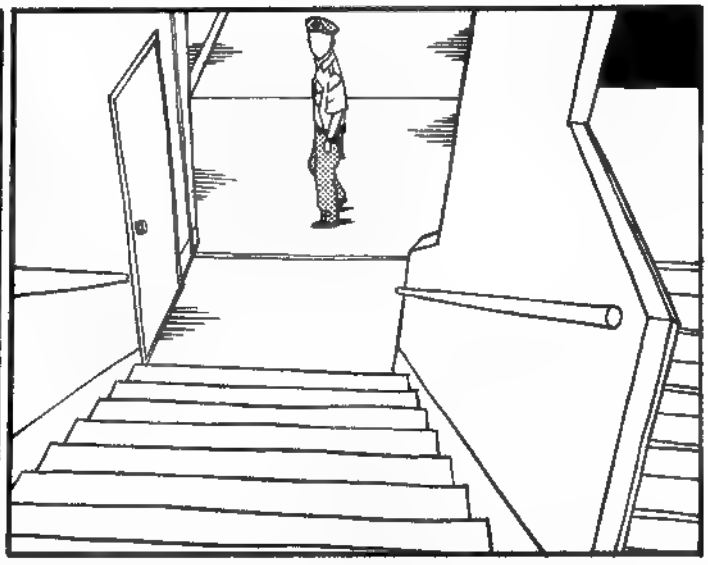
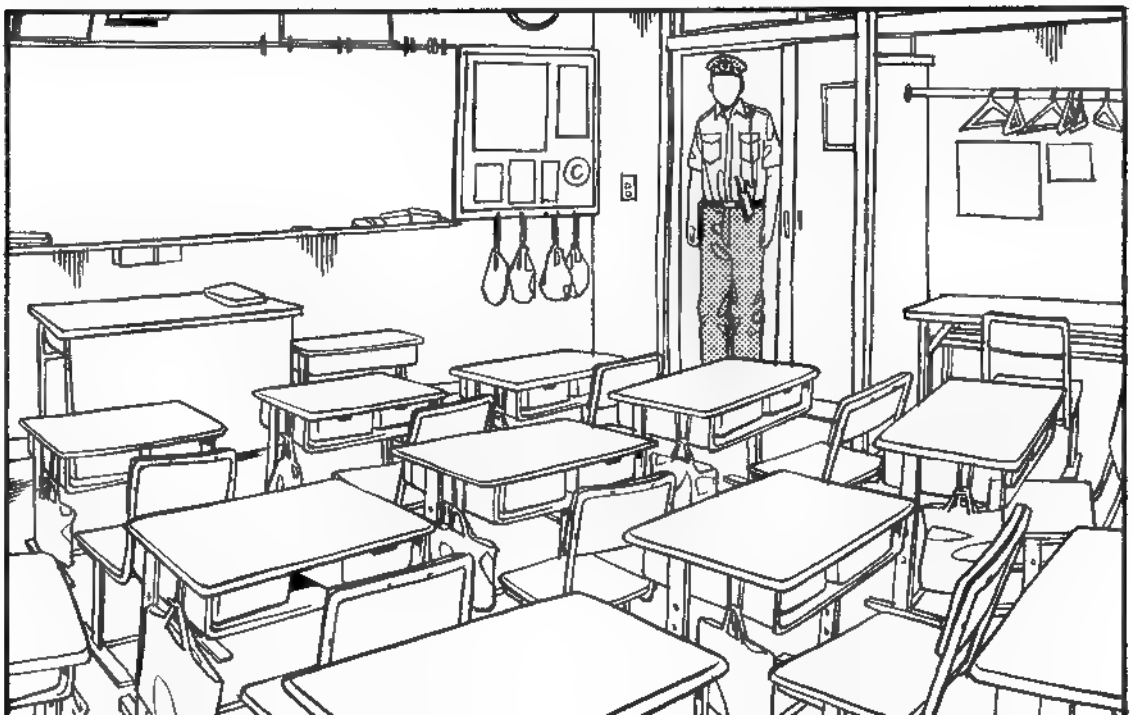
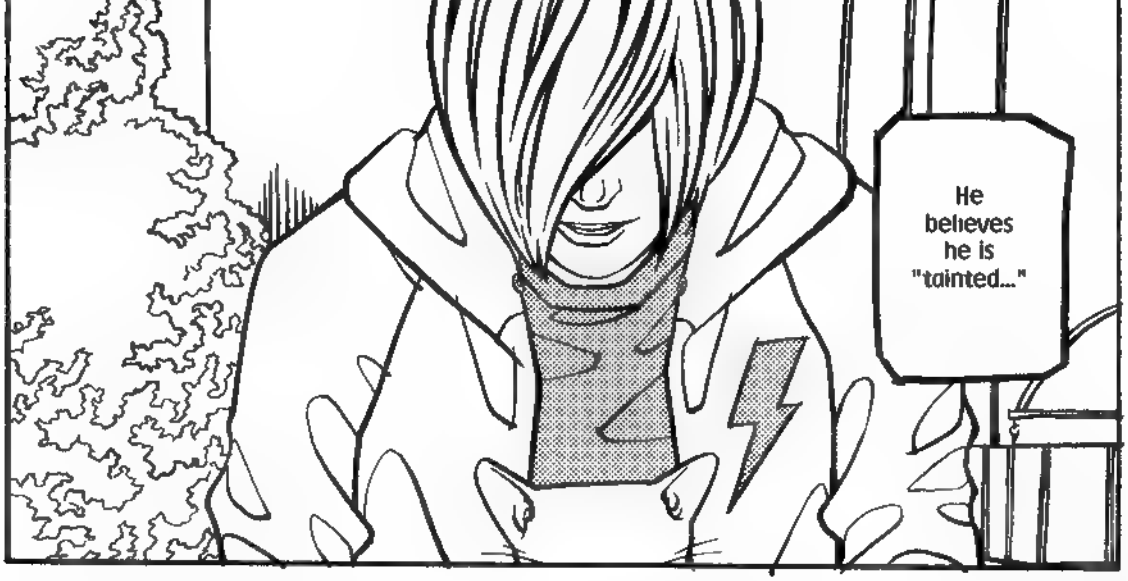




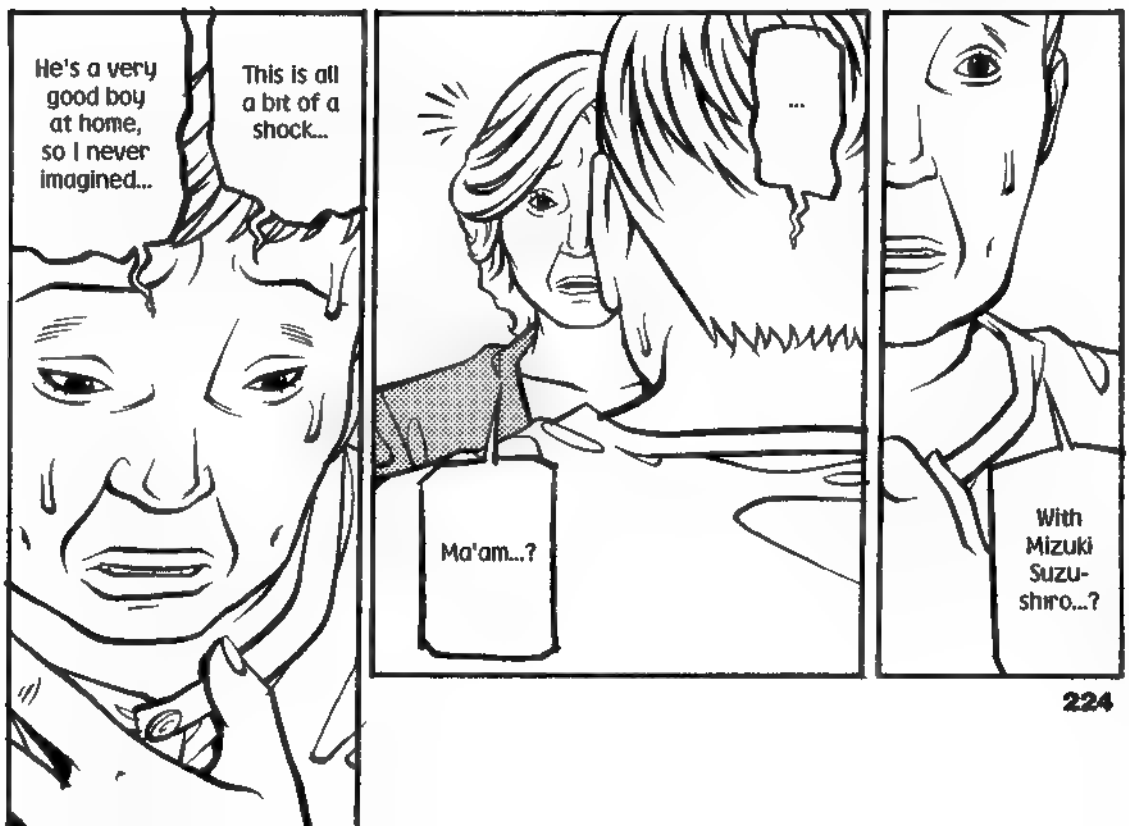


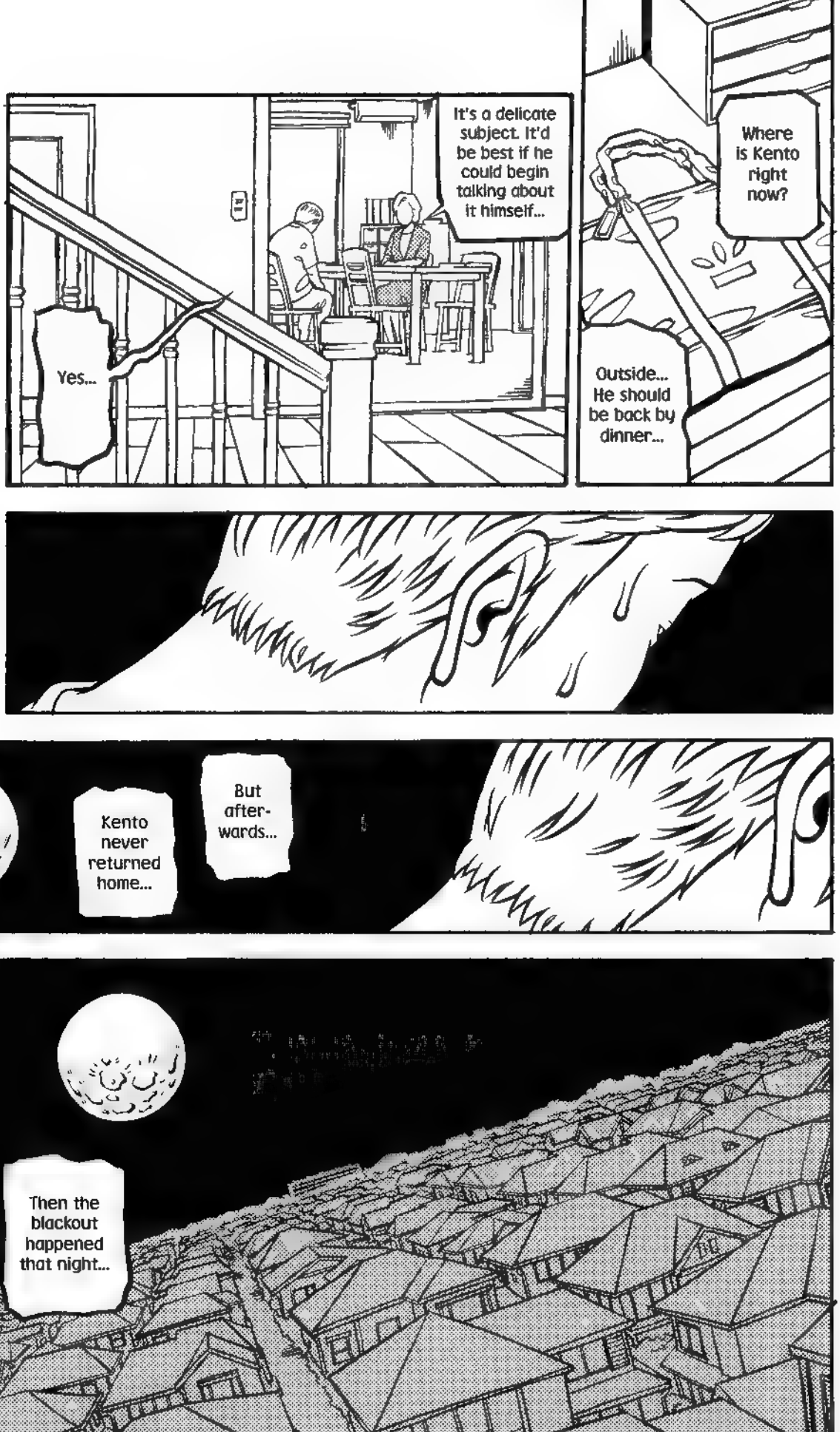
[Tattoo]
...cutting himself...?
Kento is...
Normally, I keep the counseling sessions confidential. Even to the parents.
But I was bothered by the location of his injuries...
Children who injure themselves on visible parts of the body, like the arms...
...are making a statement to others by altering themselves... It represents a desire to communicate with those around them.
Location ...?
On the other hand, children who injure concealed parts of their body, like the legs...
...do so purely as an internal impulse.

But why would he...?
There's a chance it may get out of control unless his emotional problems are resolved...
...
This may be a bit uncomfortable to hear, but...
He said he is unable to keep himself from masturbating...
...and feels the need to punish himself each time.
Huh...?
But in Kento's case...
...is perfectly normal during adolescence.
You see... Feeling curiosity and guilt towards sex...
...
He seems to be fixated entirely on the feeling of guilt...

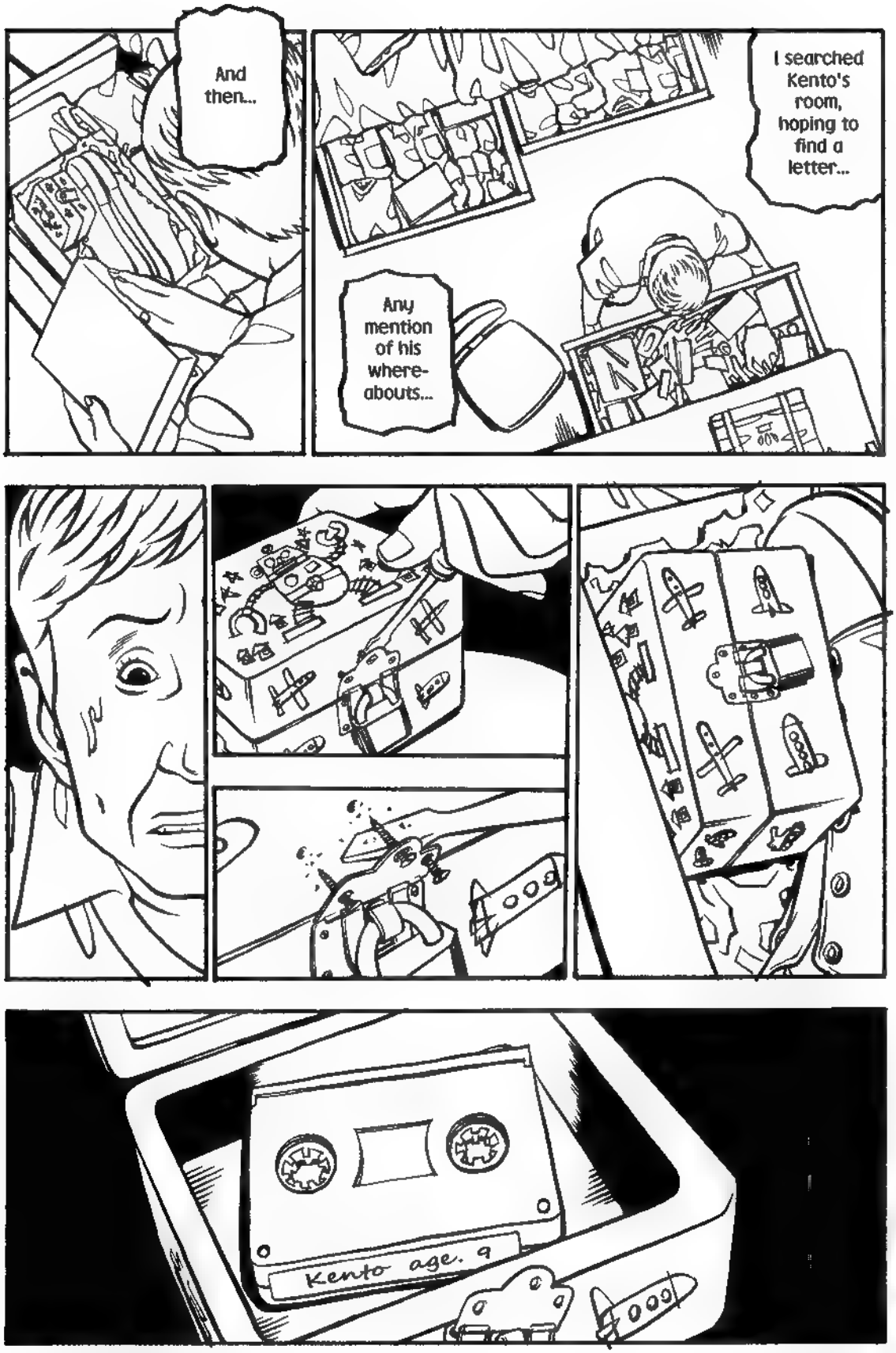

He believes he is "tainted..."

I'm hoping that will bring about some positive changes.
But recently, he's been walking home with Mizuki Suzushiro from Class C.
...

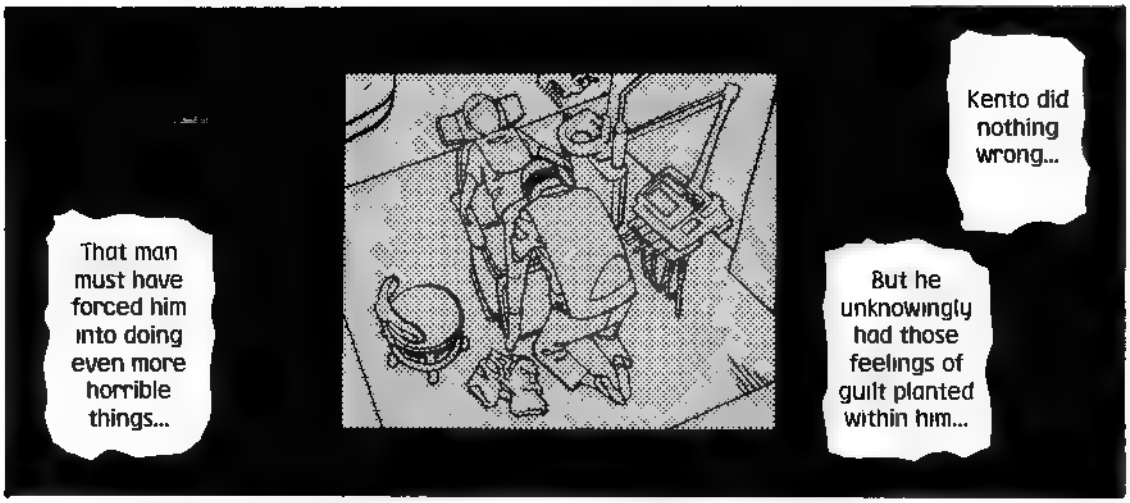

He's a very good boy at home, so I never imagined...
This is all a bit of a shock...
...
Ma'am...?
With Mizuki Suzu-shiro...?


It's a delicate subject. It'd be best if he could begin talking about it himself...
Yes...
Where is Kento right now?
Outside... He should be back by dinner...
But afterwards...
Kento never returned home...
Then the blackout happened that night...

The next morning...
...I learned that the Suzushiros had gone missing, and...
...it made me very uneasy.
立入禁止
警察署
Police
Keep Out


And then...
I searched Kento's room, hoping to find a letter...
Any mention of his whereabouts...
Kento age. 9

Saw the abominable things inside...
Kento age.
And I saw it...
It was a special type of cassette ...
So I went looking for a device that could play it...
That's when I realized everything, and...
A-all were boys roughly ten years of age.
W-w-we found about ten other similar tapes.
He... Is a terrible man...
And once they were asleep, he...
...
He increased the density of the laughing gas...


That man must have forced him into doing even more horrible things...
Kento did nothing wrong...
But he unknowingly had those feelings of guilt planted within him...

So that's why you...?

He couldn't come home even if he wanted to...
He was afraid of that man...

I couldn't even protect my own child...

I...

...I could ever get my son back.
That was the only way...
So I had to atone for my mistakes...

I'm so sorry...!
...
I'm sorry...!

!!
Hey!
RATTLE
...
S-so, ma'am... Are you also unaware of Kento's whereabouts...?

It's your son's, isn't it?

What does that mean...?
Wh-

The victim was found wearing this.
There was a rape incident in "Soil" the other day.

It means Kento Miyahara is still somewhere in "Soil!"

But we know for sure he brought that ransom letter to the town council!
He may be a good boy to you...
...

W-w-w-when did you put that thing on, Sergeant Yoko!?!
Shut up! The AC was on too high!
I-I-it's evidence! Evidence!

You better spill the guts if you know where he is!
Well?!

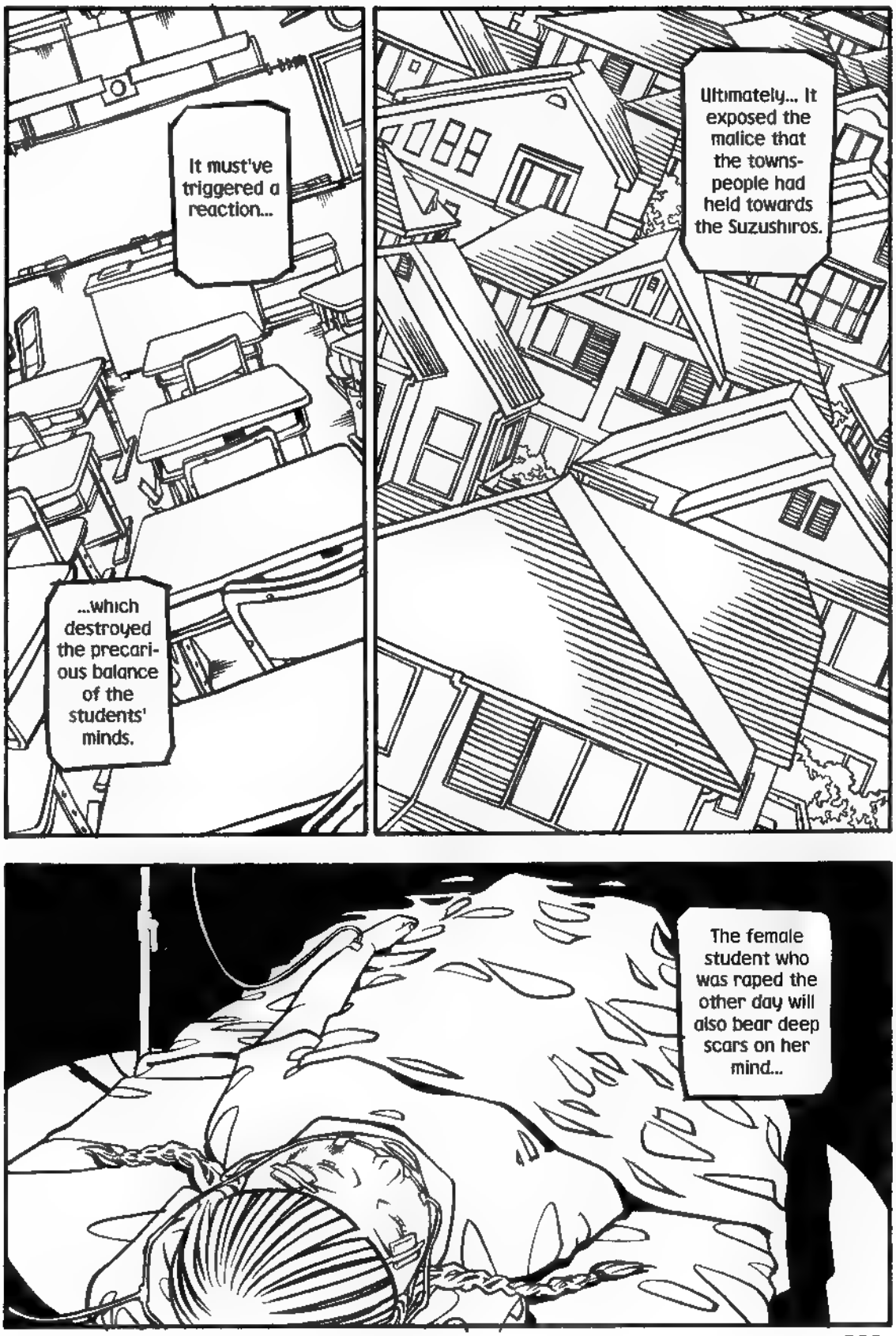
My son would never...!
No...!

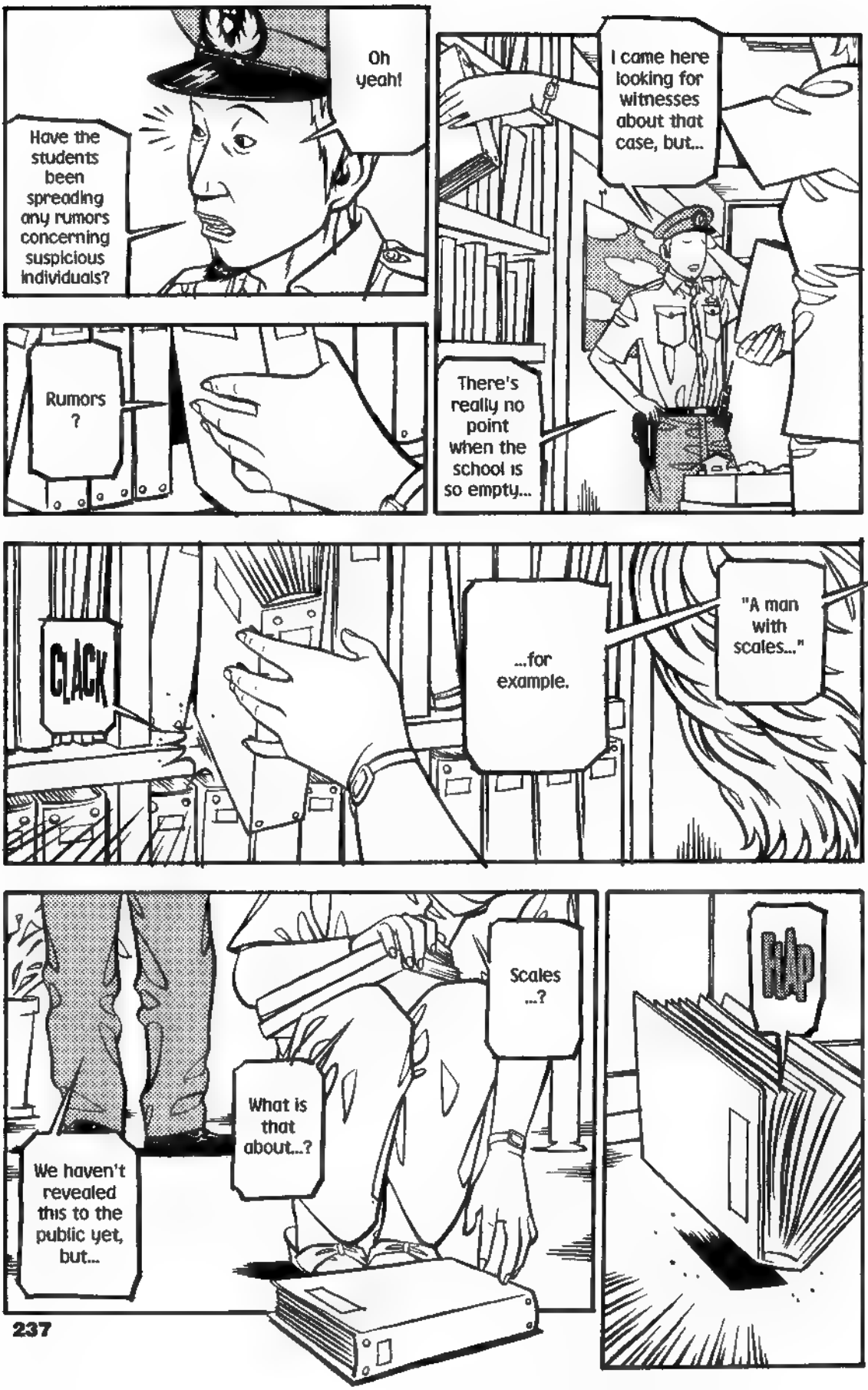
...
If he keeps this up, he's gonna be charged with kidnapping *and* sexual assault.
FLIP

Huh?!
Kento is somewhere in the town...?
...
He must be alone and afraid...!
Tell him everything is okay...!
Tell him that man isn't here anymore ...!
Then please! Hurry up and find him!
?!
Please!
Please!
Please find him and bring him back home!
...

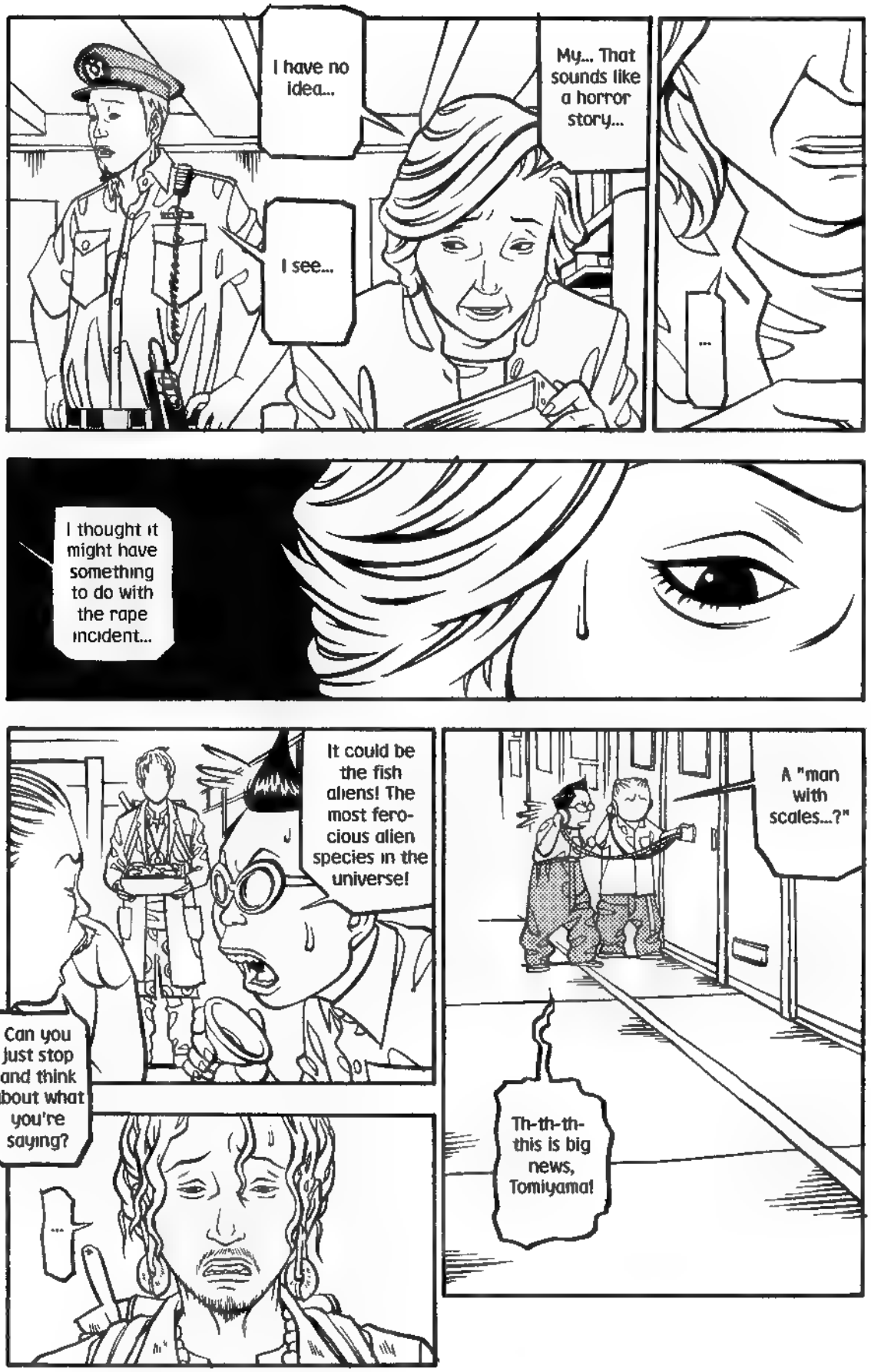
Once again, we were unable to find any connection to the Suzushiro family's disappearance...
Sighhhh ...
Fucking brat...
Where the hell is he...?
I suppose finding Kento Miyahara really is our only course of action...
What the fuck is he thinking...?

This many students ...?
Skipping school?
With all this going on in such a small town...
...a great deal of fear has spread amongst the students.
We didn't arrest them. We asked them to come.
It makes no difference.
Arresting mothers in front of their children right in the middle of a funeral...
The police are at fault, too.

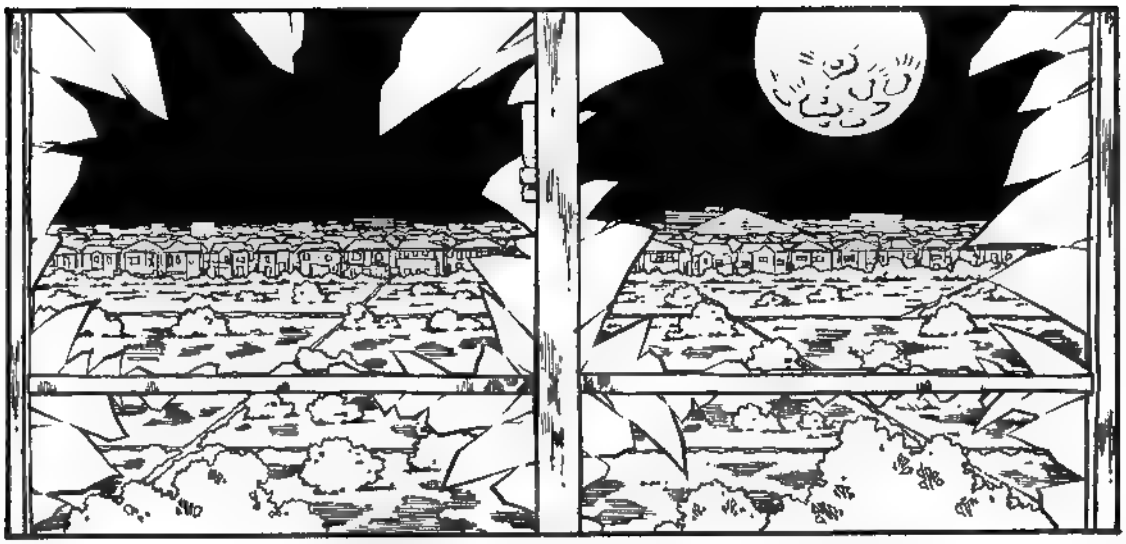

It must've triggered a reaction...
...which destroyed the precarious balance of the students' minds.
Ultimately... It exposed the malice that the townspeople had held towards the Suzushiros.
The female student who was raped the other day will also bear deep scars on her mind...

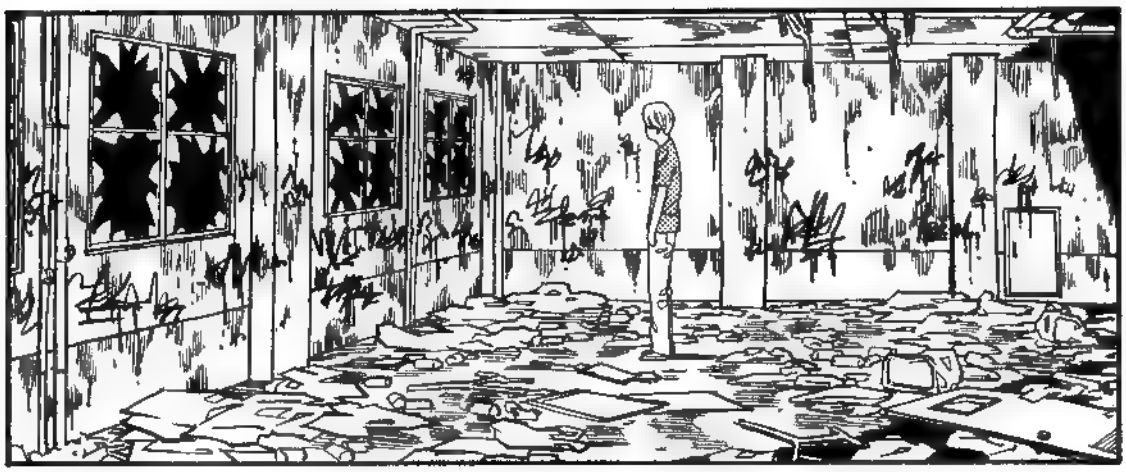

Oh yeah!
Have the students been spreading any rumors concerning suspicious individuals?
I came here looking for witnesses about that case, but...
There's really no point when the school is so empty...
Rumors ?
CLACK
...for example.
"A man with scales..."
Scales ...?
What is that about...?
We haven't revealed this to the public yet, but...
Flip

Right before Officer Ichinose disappeared...
...over the radio...
...he said: "There's a man with scales across his entire body standing in front of the Suzushiros' place."

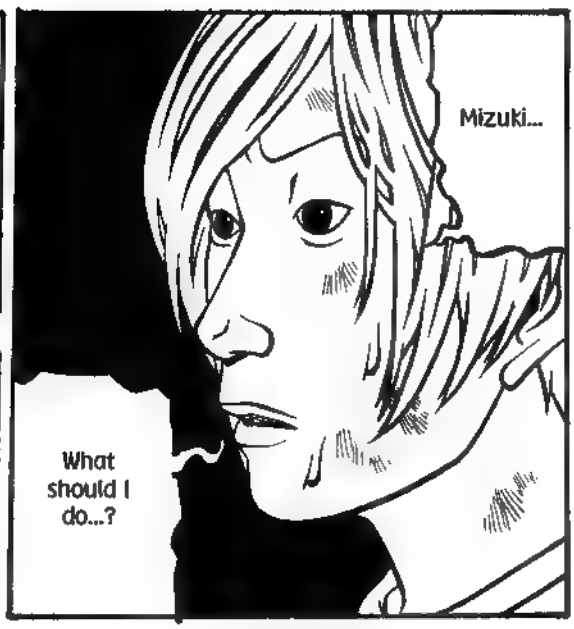

I have no idea...
I see...
My... That sounds like a horror story...
...
I thought it might have something to do with the rape incident...
It could be the fish aliens! The most ferocious alien species in the universe!
Can you just stop and think about what you're saying?
...
A "man with scales...?"
Th-th-th-this is big news, Tomiyama!

... I thought so.
Skip school? Why?
You stink!
You guys wouldn't care to skip school by any chance...
...would you?
Oh, Mr. Tokita!
You stink!
You stink!
You stink!
SNIFF SNIFF
Yeah, I've been sleeping over at the school a lot these days...
Do I? Really?
To high heaven!
I do stink!

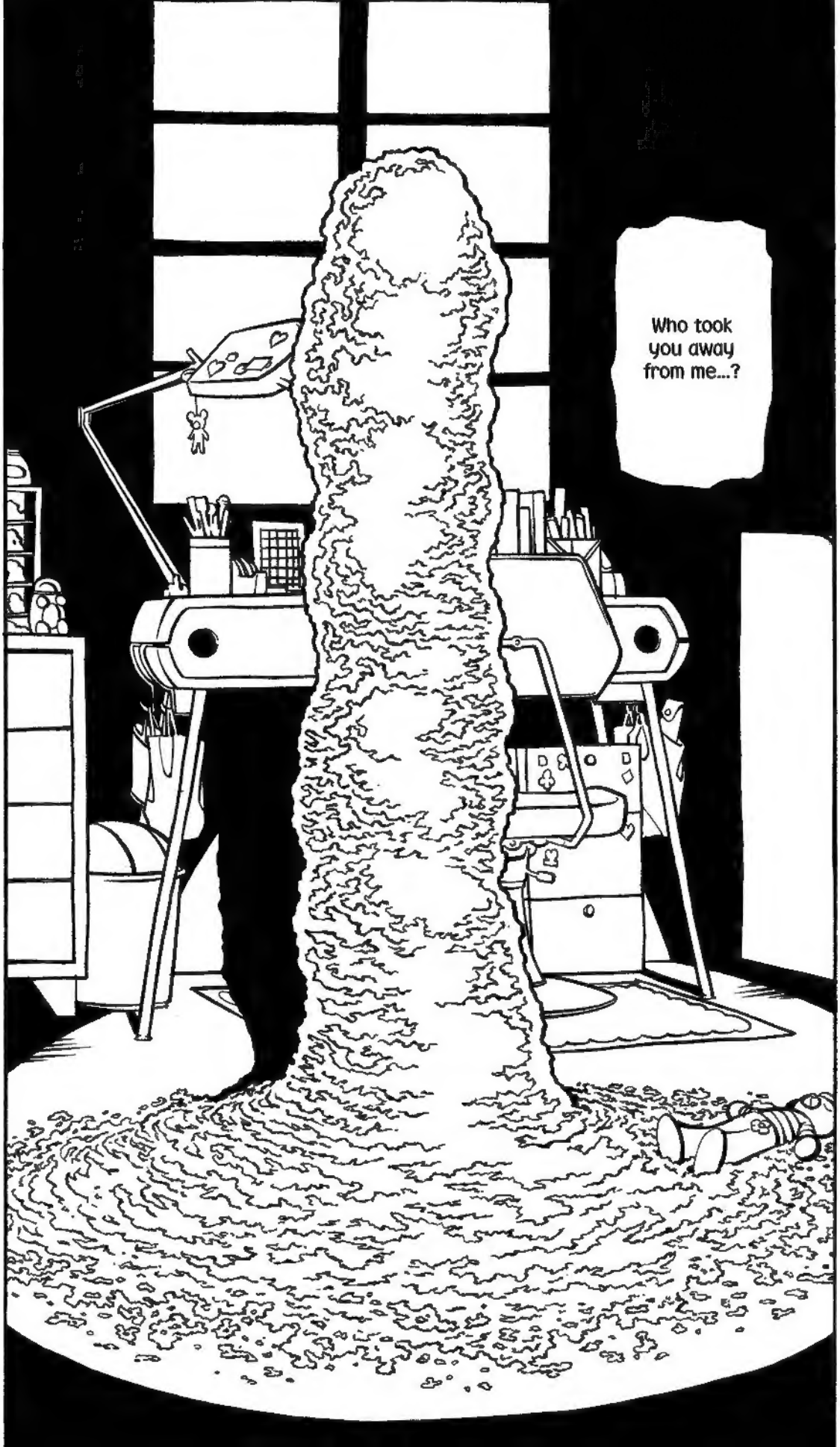


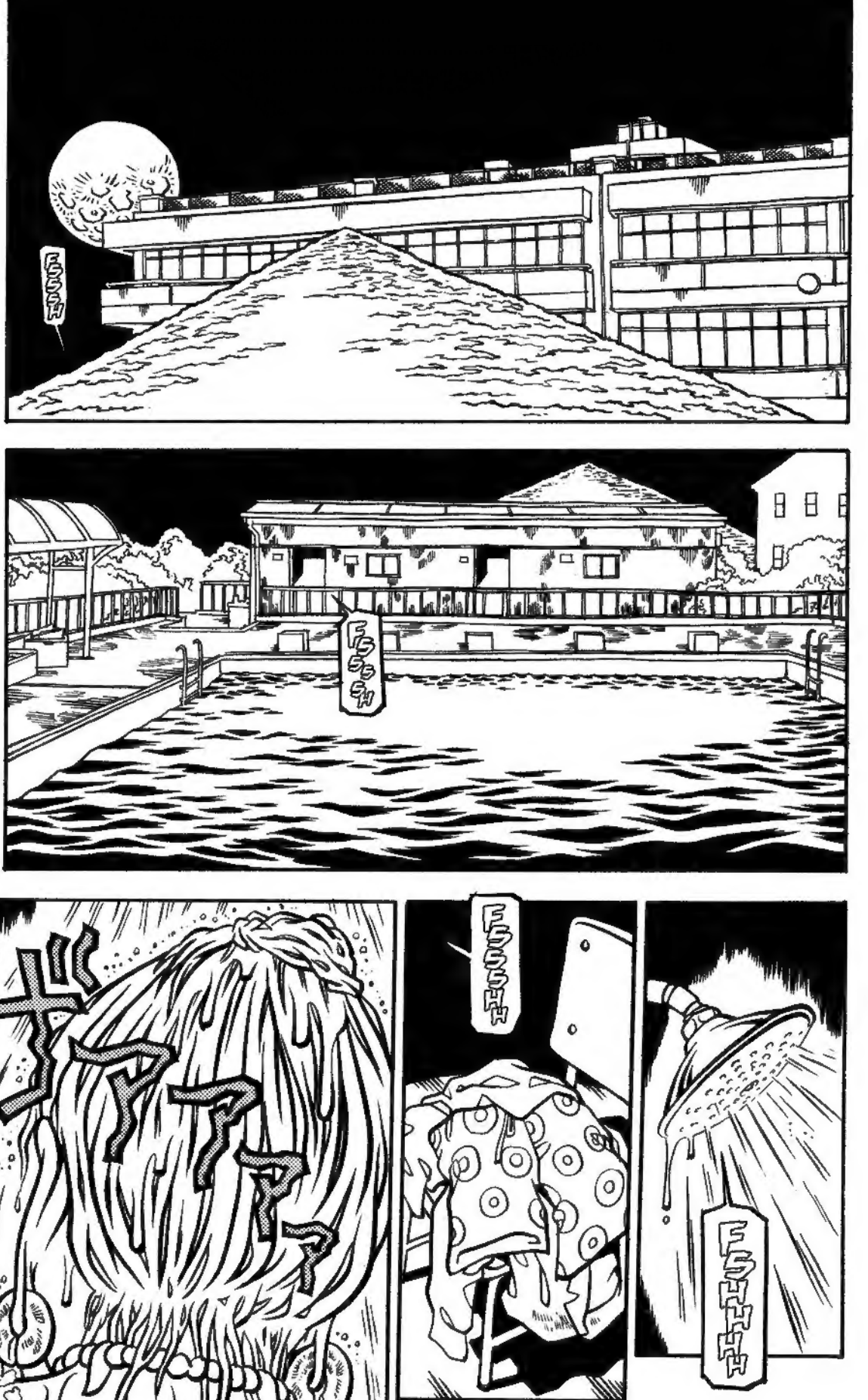


How can I see you again...?


Mizuki...
What should I do...?

Where are you right now...?


Who took you away from me...?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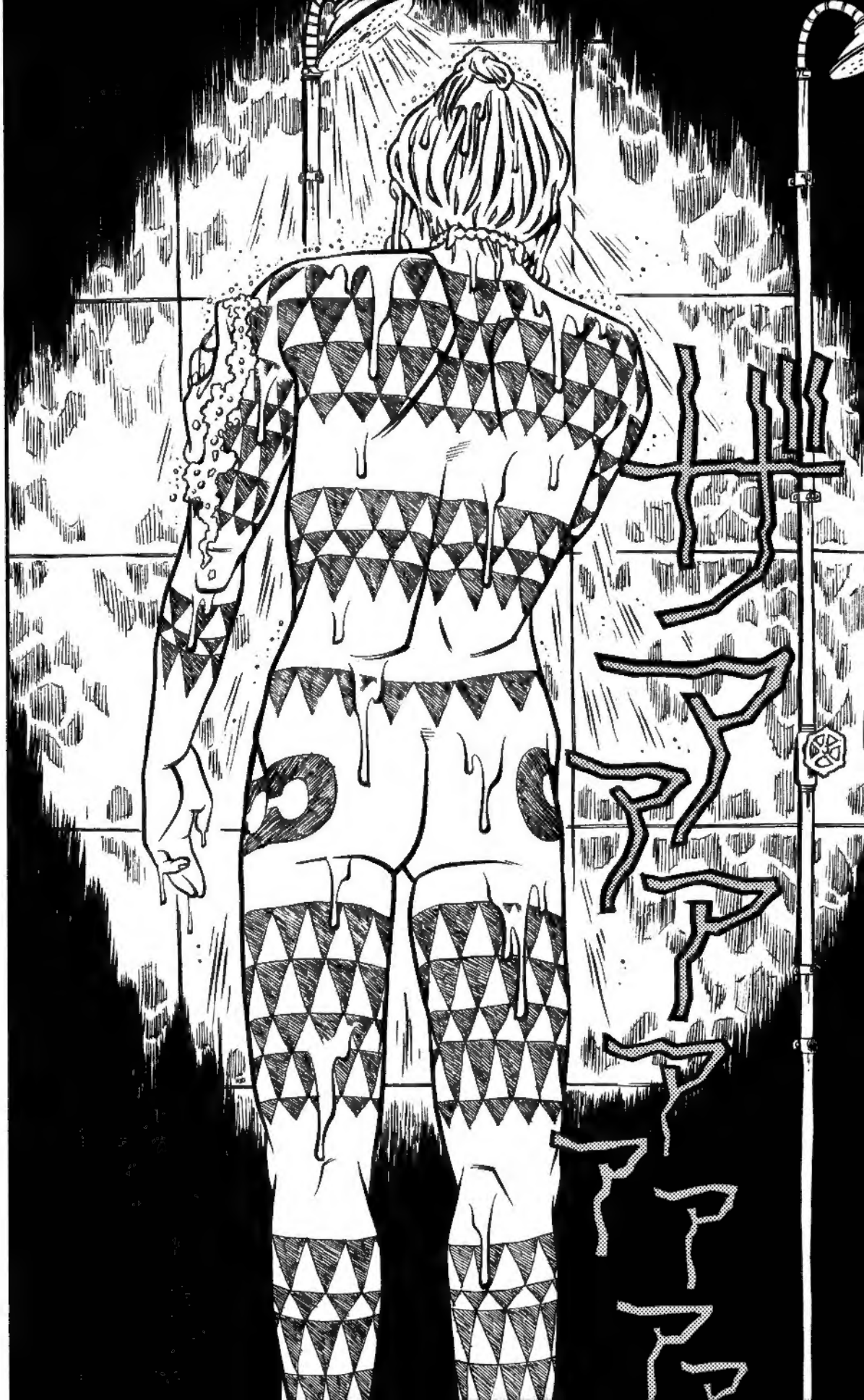

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The intricately woven chaos will continue to lure the reader into the depths of this supernatural mystery. Tremble in anticipation for Volume 3: the volume of madness and reckless abandon.